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## Section 1 Introduction

This draft report outlines our proposal for how MOBILE6 will adjust evaporative (non-exhaust) emission estimates to account for Inspection/Maintenance (I/M) programs that include tests of automotive evaporative control systems. Evaporative emissions include the evaporation of hydrocarbons (HC) as diurnals, resting loss, hot soak and running loss<sup>1</sup>.

The MOBILE6 proposals for handling I/M programs for exhaust emissions are not described here, but can be found in reports M6.IM.001 and M6.EXH.007.

MOBILE6 will calculate adjustments to the evaporative emission estimates for the following I/M tests applied to Light Duty Gasoline Vehicles and Light Duty Gasoline Trucks:

- Check of On-board Diagnostics (OBD) II indicator light.
- Check of gas cap for presence, damage or leaks<sup>2</sup>
- Pressure test from fuel-pipe inlet (“fill-pipe” tests)
- Purge test

The gas cap, fill-pipe pressure test and purge tests are described in detail in the EPA report: "IM240 & Evap Technical Guidance," EPA report no. EPA420-R-98-010, dated August 1998. It is available on the EPA web site <http://www.epa.gov/oms/im.htm>.

MOBILE 6 will calculate emissions separately for each of the types of evaporative emissions (diurnals, resting loss, hot soak, and running loss). In this document, when “emissions”

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<sup>1</sup>Evaporative crankcase emissions exist for some of the oldest vehicles (non-tampered vehicles of 1967 and earlier, tampered vehicles of later years). Evaporative I/M programs do not effect these emissions. Anti-tampering programs (see section 1.3) do reduce these emissions. This effect will be unchanged in MOBILE6.

<sup>2</sup>Preliminary evidence suggests that vehicles with missing gas caps have higher running loss emissions than vehicles with leaking gas caps. However, the result is based on tests of only three vehicles (these vehicles are among those listed in Appendix C), and only a small fraction of the fleet has missing caps. Therefore, we have decided not to separate treat missing cap emissions separately in MOBILE6. We hope to have enough data to address this issue in future models.

are mentioned without further description, the need to distinguish by emissions type should be assumed. Note that the equations given in this document do not include units because the units for emissions (g/soak, g/hour-veh, g/mile-veh) vary with the type of emission.

Also, note that evaporative emissions vary by time of day due to variation in temperature and activity and these parameters will affect the magnitude of emissions with and without I/M. However, the model's calculation of I/M effects is independent of hour, temperature and activity, so these parameters are not addressed in this report.

At this writing, we hope MOBILE6 will include the capability to model evaporative emission credits for selective I/M programs such as remote sensing and change-of-ownership programs. This paper proposes the methodology to be used if these features are included. However, time constraints may make it impossible to code evaporative emission credits for these types of selective programs in the initial release of MOBILE6. The MOBILE6 user guide will explain exactly what features are available at the time the model is released.

## **1.1 Overview**

For MOBILE6, the vehicles studied to develop evaporative emission rates were recruited based on their status on laboratory pressure and purge tests, so the emission rates used in the model are test-status specific. Evaporative emissions are calculated as a weighted average of emissions of the test-status sub-groups. There are four original test-status groups: pass/pass, pass pressure/fail purge, fail pressure/pass purge and fail/fail. To calculate the benefits of evaporative I/M, we assume that the effect of I/M is to shift vehicles from higher-emitting sub-groups to lower-emitting groups.

Section 1.2 describes the empirical data available on evaporative I/M.

Section 1.3 summarizes the calculation of evaporative emissions in areas without I/M. This provides a baseline for the I/M calculations..

Section 2 describes how MOBILE6 will estimate the shift of vehicles from higher-emitting sub-groups to lower-emitting groups at the time of inspection and repair by evaluating the effectiveness of different kinds of evaporative I/M tests and the interaction between tests.

Section 3 describes how MOBILE6 will account for the fact that inspections and repairs are distributed throughout the year and will calculate different effects for programs with different inspection frequencies.

Section 4 provides preliminary results and comparisons to MOBILE5 in terms of the fraction of the fleet in various test status groups.

Appendix A describes the calculation of default fail rates based on empirical data.

Appendix B provides a mathematical treatment of the calculation of inspection frequency effects for evaporative I/M.

Appendix C compares proposed MOBILE6 repair effects to laboratory test data.

## 1.2 Data

The data available on emission reductions from evaporative I/M programs is limited in quantity, as well as in the type of data available.

### 1.2.1 State Data

As of July 1999, there were 19 states<sup>3</sup> with active gas cap tests, three with active fill-pipe pressure tests (Arizona, Kentucky and Delaware), and four with OBD checks (Utah, Colorado, Wisconsin and Vermont). No state has an active I/M purge test. Only Arizona and Delaware have both a fill-pipe pressure test and a gas cap program. In evaluating evaporative I/M data for this report, we focused on data from Arizona, which is the state with the longest running evaporative I/M program, and data from Illinois, which has a gas cap program more typical of other states.

The Arizona program includes a fill-pipe pressure test where vehicles' fuel systems are pressurized to 14 inches of water at the fillpipe and failures are defined as those losing more than 6 inches of pressure in 2 minutes or less. The Arizona also includes a gas cap test for leaks of 200 cc/min or more. Gordon Darby provided test result counts for initial tests by month and vehicle class for 536,520 LDVs, 227,753 LDT1s and 67,292 LDT2s (831,565 total) that came in for fill-pipe pressure tests and gas cap tests between August 1997 (when the test was automated) and August 1998 (when the data was requested). Model years from 1981 to 1999 were included in the data.

The Illinois program tests gas caps for leaks of 60 cc/min or more. We were able to obtain gas cap test result counts for 1,877,191 LDVs and LDTs of model year 1971-1997, tested from April 1997 to April 1998.

As explained in this report and its appendices, the Illinois and Arizona data was used to determine several parameters for the evaporative I/M methodology. Arizona data was used to determine the fill-pipe pressure test fail rate by age, the fill-pipe pressure test testability rate by model year, and the percent by age of gas cap failures that also had fill-pipe pressure test failures. The Illinois data were used to determine gas cap test fail rates by age, and gas cap testability rates

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<sup>3</sup>AZ, CA, CO, CT, DE, DC, GA, IL, IN, ME, NM, OR, RI, TX, UT, VA, VT, WA, WI

by model year.

### 1.2.2 Laboratory Data

In addition to data from state programs, there are data on repair effects from an ongoing EPA test program,<sup>4</sup> which provides pre- and post-repair diurnal, hot soak and running loss emissions for about 20 vehicles which failed either an I/M lane fuel-inlet pressure test and/or an I/M lane gas cap test. This collection of vehicles sampled a wide range of model years (1983-1995), fuel delivery systems, test status groups and evaporative problems. As proposed, the structure of the model cannot use this data directly to generate evaporative I/M repair effects. Rather, this data is used as a check of the MOBILE6 assumptions. The data and this comparison are presented in Appendix C.

### 1.2.3 Emissions in Areas without I/M

The details of how MOBILE6 will compute evaporative emissions are described in a series of reports (M6.EVP.001- M6.EVP.009) which focus on the specific data and analysis used to compute emissions for each of the evaporative emission types. This detail will not be repeated here. However, to understand how these emissions will be adjusted to account for I/M, it is important to understand the underlying approach used for all evaporative emissions. Evaporative emissions for a vehicle of a given age are calculated as follows:

$$ENoIM_{age} = \sum Emissions_{test\_status} \times NoIMWeighting_{test\_status,age}$$

Where *Emissions* vary with the test-status group,<sup>5</sup> and *NoIMWeighting* is a fraction from 0 to 1 describing the fraction of a given age and model year that has a specific test status. In MOBILE6, *NoIMWeighting* is calculated as a function of *Age*, *Test Status* and *Model year*.

*Age* is calculated as the calendar year of evaluation minus the model year of the

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<sup>4</sup>EPA contract 68-C5-006, Automotive Testing Laboratory, Work Assignment 1-8.

<sup>5</sup>Emissions are also a function of model year, fuel delivery system, temperature, fuel vapor pressure and other variables specific to the emission type, but independent of I/M. Resting loss and Diurnal emissions estimates are described in M6.EVP.001, M6.EVP.002, M6.EVP.003, M6.EVP.005 and M6.EVP.006. Hot soak emissions are described in M6.EVP.004. Running loss emissions are described in M6.EVP.008. Crankcase emissions will be the same as in MOBILE5.

vehicle.<sup>6</sup>

*Test\_status* The vehicles studied to develop emission rates were recruited based on their pressure and purge test status, so the emission rates are test-status specific.<sup>7</sup> Note that the pressure test used for this purpose is not the same as the pressure test used for I/M tests. The emission rate stratification is based on a pressure test performed by applying pressure from the cannister, while the I/M test applies pressure from the fuel-inlet (or “fill pipe”). There are four test-status groups relevant for I/M calculations: pass both, pass pressure/fail purge, fail pressure/pass purge and fail both.<sup>8</sup>

*Model Year* is required to know whether a group of vehicles is subject to the enhanced evaporative emission standard and OBD. The phase-in of these vehicles is described in Table 1.1.

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<sup>6</sup>This is not exact since, as described in Section 4.0, the vehicle model year does not exactly match the calendar year of sale and because sales (and I/M tests) are distributed throughout the year. In draft M6.EVP.006, age is calculated as for an April evaluation date, as Calendar Year- Model Year + 6 months. The effect of these differences in age calculations is negligible.

<sup>7</sup>For some emission types, these groups may be collapsed; that is, two groups may have the same emission rate.

<sup>8</sup>MOBILE6 also uses an additional “test status” strata that is not relevant for I/M. As discussed in earlier papers, especially M6.EVP.009, vehicles with gross liquid leaks may contribute a substantial portion of the evaporative emission inventory. However, currently there are no I/M tests designed to detect gross liquid leakers. Thus, for I/M purposes, MOBILE6 will ignore the gross liquid leakers. While the default values in MOBILE6 and user inputs for test-status fractions may include a fraction of gross liquid leakers, the model will remove this fraction for the I/M calculations described here, and then add it back in the same proportion once the test-status weightings for the original four test-status groups are revised to account for I/M effects. Therefore, for the remainder of this paper we will use “test-status” to refer to the four original pressure and purge test status groups, and will use “*Weighting*” to refer to the normalized fraction of the fleet in each of the four groups.

Table 1.1

Phase-in of Vehicles With Enhanced Evaporative Controls and OBD*	
Model Year	Percentage
1995	0%
1996	20%
1997	40%
1998	90%
1999	100%

\* Phase-in schedule from 40 CFR 86.096-8

As explained in M6.EVP.006, vehicles subject to the enhanced evap standard will have adjusted test-status rates. For the enhanced vehicles, the fail rates will rise at half the rate of the previous vehicles ( $\text{age} = \text{age}/2$ ).

These vehicles also have OBD systems designed to detect failures in evaporative emission controls. In areas without an IM program, M6.EVP.006 assumes OBD will reduce the incidence of new pressure or purge failure in vehicles equipped with OBD by the percentages listed in Table 1.2. (These reductions are the same as for exhaust emissions and are currently being tested. They may be revised before MOBILE6 is finalized.)<sup>9</sup> The resulting test-status weighting factors as a function of age including Gross Liquid Leakers are given in Appendix E of M6.EVP.006. They are also available in worksheet, "from M6.EVP.006" of the Excel Workbook, *M6IM003.xls*. For I/M purposes, the Gross Liquid Leaker fraction must be removed and the weighting factors must be re-normalized to 100 percent.

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<sup>9</sup>If the assumptions in M6.EVP.006 change, these changes will carry through to the I/M calculations but will not affect the basic methodology described here.



Table 1.2

Preliminary Assumptions: Reductions in failures due to OBD in Non-I/M Areas					
Age	Mileage	Failures of OBD System	Fraction of failures detected by OBD.	Owner Response Rate	Reductions in failures due to OBD, No I/M
0-3	0-36,000	15%	85%	90%	76.5%
3-6	36,000-80,000	15%	85%	10%	8.5%
7+	80,000+	15%	85%	0%	0%

From M6.EVP.006

### 1.3 Tampering and Anti-Tampering Programs

In MOBILE5 and previous versions of MOBILE, crankcase, hotsoak and diurnal emissions were decreased to account for anti-tampering programs.

The crankcase tampering effects in MOBILE5 are an additive offset that is calculated based on the frequency of various kinds of tampering events. Based on these frequencies, the crankcase emissions increase with mileage. For 1981 and later vehicles at 150,000 miles, average (tampered and non-tampered) hydrocarbon emissions are estimated at 0.015 g/mi for light duty gas vehicles, 0.024 for light duty gas trucks, and 0.025 for heavy duty gas trucks.<sup>10</sup> The frequency of the tampering events is decreased for areas with anti-tampering programs, leading to a decline in these values. Because no new data is available and because crankcase emissions are such a small fraction of total emissions, we propose that the crankcase emissions and anti-tampering program effects on these emissions will be unchanged in MOBILE6.

However, we propose removing the tampering effects for diurnal and hotsoak emissions in MOBILE6, as well as removing the hot soak and diurnal benefits for anti-tampering programs. In MOBILE5, the effects of tampering on hot soak and diurnal emissions are calculated by assuming that vehicles with tampered evaporative control systems are a subset of the vehicles with pressure failures. In areas with evaporative I/M pressure tests, the entire fraction of pressure failures is decreased. In areas without evaporative I/M, but with anti-tampering programs, only the tampered fraction is decreased. Since the tampering data is outdated and since areas currently are not performing evaporative anti-tampering programs in the absence of fill-pipe pressure checks, there is no need to retain this code in MOBILE6.

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<sup>10</sup>See AP-42, Appendix H, Tables 1.2B1, 2.2B1, 3.2B1 and 4.2B1.

## Section 2 Basic Revised Weighting Factors

This section describes the computation of basic revised weighting factors, that is, weighting factors revised to account for the effect of I/M at the time immediately after inspection and repair. Section 3 will take the basic weighting factors described here and describe how they are transformed to final weighting factors that take into account the distribution of repairs throughout the year and the effects of different inspection frequency designs.

From a computational point of view, the basic function of the I/M tests is to adjust the fraction of vehicles that fall into the various test-status groups. Thus:

$$E_{withIM} \text{ age} = \sum \left[ Emissions_{test\_status} \times IM \text{ Weighting}_{test\_status,age} \right]$$

Where *Emissions* are the same emissions used in the No I/M case, but *IMWeighting* is a revised set of weighting factors for the test status groups.

The purpose of the evaporative I/M algorithm is to determine the new weighting factors *IMWeighting* for the I/M program chosen by the user. The I/M program may vary in the kinds of tests that vehicles are subject to, as well as in the ages subject to testing and the frequency of tests. The tests that a vehicle is affected by also depend on other factors, including the fraction of vehicles that show up for testing (compliance), the fraction that can be tested on a given test (testability), and the fraction of failing vehicles that actually get repaired (waivers and compliance).

This section describes how program characteristics such as participation, testability and observed fail rates are used to calculate new basic weighting factors  $IM_{teststatus, age}$ .

Section 3.0 describes how information on inspection frequency and grace periods are used to transform the basic revised weighting factors  $IM_{test\_status, age}$  into the final revised weighting factors  $IMWeighting_{test\_status, age}$ .

$$IM \text{ Weighting}_{test\_status,age} = f ( IM_{test\_status,age} )$$

The basic weighting factors  $IM_{test\_status, age}$  will be calculated based on the repairs due to

every combination of gas cap, fill pipe, purge and OBD test<sup>11</sup> as follows:

$$IM = FractSubjToTest \times FailRate \times FractRpaired$$

Each of the factors that determine I/M weight is described in detail below.

## 2.1 Fraction Tested

The fraction tested is the fraction of vehicles of a given model year that actually are tested in the interval specified. It is the product of applicability, participation and testability.

### 2.1.1 Applicability

Applicability is the fraction (0 to 1) of the fleet required to be tested for a given test, model year and age. This fraction depends on program design. For example, are vehicles brought in only with Remote Sensing?<sup>12</sup> or tested only at change of ownership? Are vehicles excluded through “Clean Screening” or “High Emitter Profiles”?

Note that applicability is **not** used to model the effects of periodic testing (annual, biennial, etc.) or to model the effects of age restrictions on testing. Applicability also is not used to describe the combination of change of ownership or remote sensing programs with periodic I/M programs. Modeling these cases is more complicated and is described in Section 3.

Applicability is based on user input of the program description. For example, to model a gas cap test for light duty cars and trucks of Model Year 1981 and later, applicability for the gas cap test is set to one for these model years and to 0 for all previous model years.

Determining the correct applicability is straightforward for most program designs. When modeling a change of ownership program, MOBILE6 will use the 6 month inspection frequency input for exhaust and double it to compute annual applicability for change of ownership. To model a remote sensing program that detects vehicles with high exhaust emissions and brings

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<sup>11</sup>Not all of these combinations make sense from a policy perspective, but the model is designed to handle them all, partly because differences in testability may reduce the kinds of tests a vehicle actually experiences.

<sup>12</sup>Remote Sensing Device programs generally do not detect evaporative emissions. For MOBILE 6, we assume the vehicles selected for inclusion or exclusion (clean screening) with an RSD program are a random sample of the evaporative emission strata of that age and model year.

them in for a set of exhaust and evaporative lane tests, MOBILE6 will require user inputs of partial applicability at six month intervals.

Our proposal for MOBILE6 is designed to model any evaporative I/M program that is likely to be used, but there are some combinations of tests and recruitment schemes that will not be programmed in the model. For example, MOBILE6 will not be set up to model a program where a given model year is subject to a change of ownership program for a gas cap test, and an RSD program for a fuel-inlet pressure. The program assumes that if the program is only partially applicable for two or more tests, the same cars are subject to all tests. Thus the user inputs are limited to the following options for a given model year:

1. The same full (100%) or partial applicability for all tests.
2. Full or partial applicability for one test and full applicability for the others.
3. Full or partial applicability for one test and zero applicability for the others.

### **2.1.2 Participation Rate**

The Participation Rate is the fraction of the fleet required to be tested that actually show up for testing. Note, this characteristic is different than “Compliance” and “Fraction Repaired” which are discussed below. MOBILE6 will be designed to accept Participation Rate values ranging from 0 to 1. This user-input rate would be the same both for exhaust and for evaporative I/M, and the same for all model years and vehicle classes.

The participation rate is difficult to measure. We know that some vehicles do not show up for initial testing, either because they ignore the requirement or because vehicles otherwise included in the fleet are registered outside the I/M area. Studies suggest that as many as 10-18% of the vehicles driven in a typical non-attainment area may not be properly registered. Thus participation rates may be in the 80 to 90 percent range. For purposes of this report, we will use a value of 85 percent. However, we welcome comments on this proposal, and particularly welcome any data on participation rates for active I/M programs.

### **2.1.3 Testability**

Testability is the fraction of vehicles that show up that can not be tested. This fraction depends on the vehicle model year and the type of test under consideration. User inputs for testability are allowed. Defaults are described below:

- Gas cap test—Most vehicles have gas caps that can be tested. The default values for MOBILE6 are listed in Table 2.1. They are based on Illinois tests of 1,877,191 vehicles. For model years 1984-1997, all vehicles were testable. The rate declines for earlier model years. There is a large drop in the 1970s when evaporative regulations for trucks were less stringent. (Note, we did not have data to develop

separate rates for LDVs and LDTs, but this might be a useful area to explore in the future.) For 1998 and later vehicles, default testability is set to 1.

- **Fill-Pipe Pressure Test**—In a high-traffic I/M setting, many old and new vehicles can not be tested with the pressure test. The default values for MOBILE6 are listed in Table 2.2. They come from Arizona data on 831,565 vehicles of model years 1981-1999. Model years 1981 and earlier will use the 1981 default rate. Model years 1998 and later will use the 1998 default rate. See table below. Note, manufacturers recommend no fill-pipe tests for OBD-II equipped vehicles.
- **Purge test**—There is no I/M lane data on testability rates by model year, but we expect that purge test testability would be similar to testability with the fill-pipe pressure test and would show the same decline with the phase in of OBD-II equipped vehicles. Thus, the MOBILE6 defaults will be the fill-pipe pressure test rates described above.
- **OBD check** —MOBILE6 will handle the phase-in of OBD-II vehicles by computing IM weightings for vehicles with and without OBD-II and averaging these together using the OBD phase-in schedule listed in Table 1. For those vehicles not equipped with OBD-II, testability for the OBD check will be zero. For vehicles with OBD-II, we assume most will be testable with an OBD check. However, as explained in M6.EVP.006, we propose using the assumption that 15 percent of all OBD systems do not successfully identify failures. Thus, the proposed default testability rate for OBD-II vehicles is 85 percent. We plan to reconsider this value when current studies of OBD-II vehicles are complete.

For the I/M calculations it is necessary to determine what fraction of vehicles receive what combination of tests. In particular, we must establish the correlation between testability on one test and testability on another. For example, if vehicles can't be tested for gas cap leaks, are they likely to be among the vehicles that can not be tested with a fill-pipe pressure test? We assume so. In addition, we assume a high correlation of testability between the purge test and fill-pipe pressure test since both require similar equipment such as flexible hoses. For the portion of the fleet equipped with OBD, testability on pressure and purge tests is independent of OBD testability.<sup>13</sup> We assume that most vehicles that

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<sup>13</sup>Pressure and purge testability on these OBD-equipped vehicles is very low, and pressure and purge testing of these vehicles is discouraged (see "IM240 & Evap Technical Guidance," 1998). Thus, in general, pressure and purge tests will not be applicable to OBD-equipped vehicles. However, if a pressure or purge test program is modeled for OBD-equipped vehicles, there is no expected relationship between pressure and purge testability of the OBD-equipped vehicles and OBD-system malfunction. Since OBD-equipped vehicles are considered testable unless they malfunction, we treat testability for pressure/purge and OBD as independent

can be tested on purge, pressure or OBD tests can also be tested on gas cap tests. The equations proposed to handle these correlations are embedded in the worksheets “sample calc” and “sample calc OBD” of the Excel workbook *M6im003.xls*.

Table 2.1  
Gas Cap Testability, IL data

Model Year	Vehicles	Fraction Testable
1971	2822	0.88
1972	1582	0.87
1973	4156	0.85
1974	1505	0.81
1975	4202	0.78
1976	2623	0.75
1977	12654	0.79
1978	6583	0.75
1979	23440	0.93
1980	6545	0.94
1981	18062	0.96
1982	10372	0.97
1983	45294	0.97
1984	33484	0.98
1985	111601	1
1986	58215	1
1987	159608	1
1988	87439	1
1989	213017	1
1990	98152	1
1991	226168	1
1992	62406	1
1993	196814	1
1994	128597	1
1995	361680	1
1996	122	1
1997	48	1

Table 2.2  
Fill-pipe Testability, Arizona Data

Model Year	Vehicles	Fraction Testable
81	11180	0.61
82	13332	0.63
83	18440	0.68
84	30982	0.71
85	41442	0.73
86	50738	0.77
87	51687	0.79
88	56864	0.78
89	63926	0.77
90	59650	0.76
91	63379	0.79
92	62335	0.80
93	74693	0.79
94	81892	0.76
95	90748	0.64
96	37946	0.44
97	19186	0.35
98	3107	0.12
99	38	0.16 *

\*From data. Due to small sample. 1998 rate will be used for this and later years. Note, OBD checks are expected to replace pressure checks for OBD equipped vehicles.

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parameters.

## 2.2 Failure Rate

Failure rate is the fraction of vehicles that are actually tested that fail the test they are given and are thereby eligible for repair. This varies by model year and by test (and combination of tests).<sup>14</sup> Failure rates for traditional I/M tests (gas cap tests, fill-pipe tests and purge tests) and for OBD checks are treated differently.

### 2.2.1 Traditional I/M tests

For traditional I/M tests, the test status weighting factors used for non-I/M emission factors are based on lab tests and do not correspond exactly to I/M tests used in I/M lanes, so we have to construct a relationship between the MOBILE6 weighting factors and the in-use tests. The categories that need to be mapped are listed below:

#### Test Status Weighting Factors

<b>Cannister Pressure Test Status</b>	<b>Purge Test Status</b>	<b>Acronym</b>
Pass	Pass	PP
Pass	Fail	PF
Fail	Pass	FP
Fail	Fail	FF

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<sup>14</sup>“Failure Rate” is similar to the “ID Rate used in discussions of exhaust I/M. However, “ID Rate” refers to a fraction of emissions, while “Failure Rate” is used for a fraction of vehicles.

### Possible In-Use Test Result

<b>Gas Cap Test</b>	<b>Fill-Pipe Pressure Test</b>	<b>Purge Test</b>	<b>Acronym</b>
Pass	Pass	Pass	PPP
Pass	Pass	Fail	PPF
Pass	Fail	Pass	PFP
Pass	Fail	Fail	PFF
Fail	Pass	Pass	FPP
Fail	Pass	Fail	FPF
Fail	Fail	Pass	FFP
Fail	Fail	Fail	FFF

The task then is to establish a relationship between the four test-status groups and the eight possible in-use test results. To do this, we make a number of assumptions:

1. As stated before, gross liquid leakers are not relevant for these I/M calculations, so the no I/M test status weighting factors are normalized without GLLs.
2. We assume that any I/M lane purge test would be the same as the “lab” purge test. Therefore, we assume that the lane purge test failure rate would equal the original test-status weighting for vehicles failing the lab purge test (That is, all vehicles in the test status groups PF and FF would have in-use test results of either PPF, PFF, FPF or FFF).
3. We assume the gas cap and fill-pipe failures (based on I/M lane data) are a subset of the cannister pressure test failures (based on lab data).<sup>15</sup> That is, we assume that all gas cap

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<sup>15</sup>The assumption that vehicles that fail gas cap tests are a subset of cannister pressure test failures is a simplifying assumption proposed for MOBILE6, but is not always true. Some small gas cap leaks are not caught by the cannister pressure test (or OBD). The emissions of vehicles with these small gas cap leaks are currently included in the cannister pressure pass/purge pass (PP) average emissions. To model the repair of these small leaks we would need data on the difference in emissions between vehicles with and without these small leaks for hot soak,



failures and all fill-pipe failures are cannister pressure test failures, but some cannister pressure test failures (FP, FF) may pass both the gas cap and fill-pipe tests.<sup>16</sup>

Based on the above assumptions we can construct Table 4 describing which in-use test outcomes could be matched with which test-status groups.

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running, diurnal and resting loss emissions. In the absence of such data, we will assume that repairs to these leaks have the same effect as repairs to larger leaks, but will cap the proportion of all gas cap and fill-pipe failures at the cannister pressure fail weighting factor. One consequence of this approach is that the marginal benefit of adding a gas cap check to an OBD check on vehicles is limited to a gas cap benefit for only the fraction of vehicles that we assume have malfunctioning MIL lights (see M6.EVP.006 for a discussion of OBD assumptions.).

<sup>16</sup>Some vehicles may fail the lab cannister pressure test but pass both the fill-pipe pressure test and the gas cap test due tighter time constraints in the I/M lane and to other differences between the lab and lane test procedure.

Table 2.3 Matching Test-status groups and in-use test outcomes

Possible In-Use Test Outcomes	(Lab) Test Status Group*			
	Pass Press./ Pass Purge	Fail Press./ Fail Purge	Pass Press./ Fail Purge	Fail Press./ Fail Purge
Pass Gas Cap/Pass Fill-pipe/PassPurge	PP_PPP	FP-PPP		
Pass Gas Cap/Pass Fill-pipe/Fail Purge			PF_PPF	FF_PPF
Pass Gas Cap/Fail Fill-pipe/Pass Purge		FP_PFP		
Pass Gas Cap/Fail Fill-pipe/Fail Purge				FF_PPF
Fail Gas Cap/Pass Fill-pipe/Pass Purge		FP_FFP		
Fail Gas Cap/Pass Fill-pipe/Fail Purge				FF_FFP
Fail Gas Cap/Fail Fill-pipe/Pass Purge		FP_FFP		
Fail Gas Cap/Fail Fill-pipe/Fail Purge				FF_FFF

\* The empty cells indicate categories for which we predict no vehicles.

We can then predict the frequency of in-use test failures based on the original test-status group weighting factors. To do this, we make a few additional assumptions.

1. We assume the distribution of purge failures is independent of the kind of pressure failure. That is, the fraction of pressure failures with purge failures in M6.EVP.006 equals the fraction of fill-pipe pressure failures with purge failures, and the fraction of gas cap failures with purge failures.

$$\frac{FF}{FF + FP} = \frac{PFF}{PFF + PFP} = \frac{FPF}{FPF + FPP} = \frac{FFF}{FFF + FFP}$$

2. For the default case, we assume the Illinois gas cap fail rate(IL) (see Appendix A) identifies all vehicles that fail the gas cap test.
3. For the default case, we assume the Arizona fill-pipe failure data (AZFP) (see Appendix A) describes the distribution of fill-pipe failures.

4. We also need to determine what fraction of vehicles fail both the gas cap test and the fill-pipe pressure test. Because we are using gas cap and fill-pipe fail rates from different states, we need to make additional assumptions. Appendix A describes how we used the Arizona data to calculate the proportion of gas cap failures that are both gas cap and fill-pipe failures as opposed to “gas cap only” failures. As explained in Appendix A, we call this last fraction “AZOnly” For the default case, we assume that “AZOnly” describes a fraction of all gas cap failures that is the same for all state programs and is the same regardless of purge status. In particular,

$$AZOnly = \frac{FPP}{FPP + FFP} = \frac{FPF}{FPF + FFF}$$

5. We assume the total fraction of fill-pipe and gas cap failures cannot be greater than the fraction of (lab) cannister pressure failures. If the user inputs for total fraction of fill-pipe and gas cap failures does exceed the fraction for cannister pressure failures, the user inputs are reduced proportionally.
6. We assume that I/M lane checks of OBD indicator lights detect cannister pressure failures and purge failures, that is, we assume they detect all vehicles in the PF, FP and FF groups, except those vehicles with malfunctioning OBD indicator lights.<sup>17</sup>

Using the assumptions described above, we can derive predictions of the frequency of in-use I/M test failures where each of the following equations describes the fraction of vehicles assigned to the respective cell in Table 4. Note, the empty cells of Table 4 indicate categories for which we predict zero vehicles.

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<sup>17</sup>As explained in M6.EVP.006, we propose assuming that 15 percent of all OBD systems malfunction; that is, 15 percent of the OBD-equipped vehicles that would fail the cannister pressure test or the purge test do not have illuminated indicator lights. This rate will be reconsidered based on a current study of OBD vehicles. While the faulty MIL rate is actually a measure of false passes, in the I/M computations, the same result is obtained by treating the rate as a testability fraction.

Table 2.4: Frequency of In-Use Test Failure/Lab Test Status Combinations

Pre-Repair Category	Frequency as a function of observed rates
PP_PPP	PP
PF_PPF	PF
FP_PPP	$FP - FP/(FP+FF) \times (AZFP + IL \times AZOnly)$
FF_PPF	$FF - FF/(FP+FF) \times (AZFP + IL \times AZOnly)$
FP_PFP	$FP/(FP+FF) \times (AZFP - IL \times (1-AZOnly))$
FF_PPF	$FF/(FP+FF) \times (AZFP - IL \times (1-AZOnly))$
FP_FFP	$FP/(FP+FF) \times (IL \times AZOnly)$
FF_FPF	$FF/(FP+FF) \times (IL \times AZOnly)$
FP_FFP	$FP/(FP+FF) \times (IL \times (1-AZOnly))$
FF_FFP	$FF/(FP+FF) \times (IL \times (1-AZOnly))$

Where:

PP= Test status weighting for pass pressure/pass purge

PF= Test status weighting for pass pressure/fail purge

FP= Test status weighting for fail pressure/pass purge

FF= Test status weighting for fail pressure/fail purge

IL= Gas cap fail rate (default based on Illinois data)

AZFP= Fill-pipe pressure test fail rate (default based on Arizona data)

AZOnly=Fraction of gas cap failures with fill-pipe pass (default based on Arizona Data)

For a given evaluation year, MOBILE6 will compute the frequencies listed in Table 2.4 for each model year based on the MOBILE6 default values for PP, PF, FP, FF, AZFP, IL and AZOnly.

The default test status rates (PP, PF, FP and FF) for 1995 and earlier vehicles are listed in Appendix A of M6.EVP.006. For 1999 and later vehicles, the PP, PF, FP and FF rates are replaced with the rates from Appendix E of M6.EVP.006, which account for the owner response to OBD that would be predicted without I/M checks. (For 1996-1998, the rates should be a weighted average using the phase-in schedule in Table 1.)

The default rates for AZFP, IL, and AZOnly are listed in Appendix A of this document.

Alternate user inputs could be provided for the AZ, IL, and AZOnly rates. Note that any user input for AZFP and IL must be in the form of rates that increase steadily with age (that is, monotonically increasing sequences); otherwise MOBILE6 calculations may give unexpected or incorrect results.

### **2.2.2 OBD Checks**

The MOBILE6 proposal for modeling the benefits of OBD systems and I/M tests that include checks of OBD systems was proposed in detail for exhaust emissions in the paper M6.EXH.007. The approach includes assumptions about OBD “false passes” and owner response rates to illuminated MILs.

In the report M6.EVP.006, we adapted this proposal for evaporative emissions to calculate test-status rates for OBD equipped vehicles in I/M and non I/M areas. However, the with I/M rates proposed in M6.EVP.006 need to be adjusted to account for differences in local I/M programs. Thus, for the No/IM case, we use the Failure Rates (Estimates of Strata Size by Vehicle Age—From a non-I/M Area) in Appendix E of M6.EVP.006 as the Failure rates for vehicles in model years and calendar years with an OBD check. In particular, we assume that the OBD failure rate is the sum of the FP, PF and FF rates. As described in Section 2.1.3, we reduce testability to account for cases where OBD does not successfully identify failures. The owner response rate for these vehicles is described in section 2.4.

For exhaust emissions, we assume that there is no additional benefit for a traditional I/M check when an OBD check is performed. For evaporative emissions, some additional benefit may be gained from gas cap tests because we assume the MIL functions correctly for only a portion of the vehicles.<sup>18</sup> More research is needed on the marginal benefit of combining gas cap checks with OBD checks.

## **2.3 Repair Benefits--Adjusting Weighting Factors**

As detailed in Section 1.2 and Appendix C, there are limited data available on the emission benefits of evaporative emission repairs. Thus, the repair benefits in MOBILE 6 will assume that a repair moves a vehicle from one test-status category to another and the repair benefit will be the difference between the emissions assigned to the two relevant test-status categories.

Because the in-use I/M tests are not the same as the test-status categories used for non-I/M emissions in MOBILE6, it is necessary to determine what the “relevant” categories are. Again, because data are severely limited, it has been necessary to make a number of assumptions. In particular:

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<sup>18</sup>Also see footnote 13 on small gas cap leaks.

1. When failed with a purge test, repair moves vehicles predicted to have purge failures from a purge fail category to a purge pass category. For example, from “pass gas cap/pass fill-pipe/fail purge” (PF\_PPF) to “pass gas cap/pass fill-pipe/pass purge” (PP\_PPP).
2. When failed with a gas cap test, repair moves vehicles predicted to have gas-cap failures and no fill-pipe failures from a pressure fail (FP\_FFP or FF\_FPF) to a pressure pass category (PP\_PFP or PF\_PFF). Likewise, when failed with a fill-pipe test, repair moves vehicles predicted to have fill-pipe failure (FP\_PFP or FF\_PFF) to a pressure pass category (PP\_PPP or PF\_PPF).
3. When vehicles predicted to have both gas cap and fill-pipe failures (FP\_FFP or FF\_FFF) are failed and repaired with a gas-cap only test (or gas cap and purge test), we assume that the gas cap problem is fixed, and the fill-pipe problem remains. While some vehicles might see some decrease in emissions from the gas cap repair, this is likely to be small since there is still a pressure leak. We assign no emission benefit and the vehicle remains in the pressure fail category (FP\_PFP or FF\_PFF). Similarly, if a vehicle with a gas cap problem and a fill-pipe problem (FP\_FFP or FF\_FFF) receives a fill-pipe test but no gas cap test, we assume the vehicle remains a pressure failure (FP\_FFP or FF\_FPF). MOBILE6 only gives the vehicle credit for a full pressure repair if they are subject to both kinds of tests (in which case FP\_FFP is repaired to PP\_PPP, and FF\_FFF is repaired to PF\_PPF, or, with an additional purge test and repair, PP\_PPP). While this approach may slightly underestimate the benefits of an evaporative I/M program, the underestimate is expected to be negligible because the fraction of vehicles that simultaneously fail both the gas cap and the fill-pipe pressure tests is very small (see Appendix A for rates.)
4. For evaporative emissions we assume the vehicles failed by OBD checks will move from a failing test-status category to the pass/pass category on repair. If future research suggests this assumption is incorrect, the benefit can be adjusted using the fractional benefit input as discussed in Section 2.4.
5. As explained in M6.EVP.009, gross liquid leakers are not identified by gas cap checks, purge tests, fill-pipe tests, or OBD checks. Thus, we assume that their fraction is unchanged by an I/M program.

These assumptions lead to Table 2.5, which describes our model of how I/M repairs move vehicles between the cells in Table 2.3, and thus between test-status categories. Note that because different tests have different testability, different portions of the model year fleet in the same test program will experience different combinations of tests in the same evaluation year. MOBILE6 models the benefits separately for each combination of tests that vehicles of a given model year could receive.

Table 2.5: Effects of Test and Repair on MOBILE6 Evaporative IM Categories

Pre-Repair Category *	Pre-Repair Test-Status**	Tests Experienced	Post-Repair Category*	Post-Repair Test-Status**
PP_PPP	PP	any or none	PP_PPP	PP
FP_PPP	FP	OBD	PP_PPP	PP
		other***	FP_PPP	FP
FP_FFP	FP	OBD or gas cap	PP_PPP	PP
		other	FP_FFP	FP
FP_FFP	FP	OBD, or gas cap and fill pipe	PP_PPP	PP
		gas cap, no fill pipe	FP_PFP	FP
		fill pipe, no gas cap	FP_FFP	FP
		other	FP_FFP	FP
FP_PFP	FP	OBD or fill pipe	PP_PPP	PP
		other	FP_PFP	FP
PF_PPF	PF	OBD or purge	PP_PPP	PP
		other	PP_PPF	PF
FF-PPF	FF	OBD	PP_PPP	PP
		purge	FP_PPP	FP
		other	FF-PPF	FF
FF_FFP	FF	OBD, or purge and gas cap	PP_PPP	PP
		gas cap, no purge	PP_PPF	PF
		purge, no gas cap	FP_FFP	FP
		other	FF_FFP	FF
FF_PFP	FF	OBD, or purge and fill-pipe	PP_PPP	PP
		fill-pipe, no purge	PP_PPF	PF
		purge, no fill-pipe	FP_PFP	FP
		other	FF_PFP	FF

Table 2.5 Continued

Pre-Repair Category *	Pre-Repair Test-Status**	Tests Experienced	Post-Repair Category*	Post-Repair Test-Status**
FF_FFF	FF	OBD, or purge and gas cap and fill pipe	PP_PPP	PP
		purge and gas cap	FP_PFP	FP
		purge and fill-pipe	FP_FFP	FP
		gas cap and fill-pipe	PP_PPF	PF
		gas cap only	FF_PFF	FF
		fill-pipe only	FF_FPF	FF
		purge only	FP_FFP	FP
		none	FF_FFF	FF

\*These categories refer to the cells in Table 2.3.

\*\*The test-status groups are defined in Section 2.2.1

\*\*\* “Other” refers to any remaining combination of evaporative I/M tests, as well as no test at all.

## 2.4 Waivers, Non-Compliance and Fraction Repaired

“Fraction Repaired” is the fraction of failing cars that get repaired. It is reduced from one to account for waivers and for non-compliance (vehicles that “disappear” after an initial failure, but before a retest.)

For traditional I/M tests, the default is the same value as for exhaust programs. As for exhaust, we assume 10 percent non-compliance and that 10 percent of compliant failed vehicles receive waivers. Users will have the option to enter their own waiver and non-compliance rates; these need not be the same as for exhaust emissions.

We assume that waived vehicles undergo some repairs before being granted a waiver. We assume these limited repairs have some fractional emission benefit, with the fraction the same as that assumed in the exhaust I/M calculations. The default emission benefit for waived vehicles is the same as for exhaust: 20 percent. Any user inputs for this value for exhaust I/M will also be used for evaporative I/M.

In addition, to allow flexibility as new information becomes available, the model will also have a user input for “fractional benefit” for each of the tests. For example, if future information shows that gas cap repairs actually obtain only half the difference between pressure fail and pressure pass emissions, the fractional benefit for gas cap tests could be set to 0.5. In the code this wouldn’t actually change the benefits assigned to the gas cap repairs, but it would reduce by half



the fraction of vehicles assigned to the repaired category. Use of this input for official EPA submittals would require explicit approval from EPA's Office of Mobile Sources.

The "Fraction Repaired" will be calculated using the following equation:

$$FractRepaired=(1-NonComp)*FractBen[(1-W)+(W*WBen)]$$

Where:

NonComp	=NonCompliance Rate (default is 0.10)
FractBen	=Fractional Benefit (default is 1)
W	=Waiver rate (default is 0.10)
WBen	=Repair Benefit for waived vehicles (default is 0.20)

Thus, using default values, the Fraction Repaired is 83%. For OBD tests, we propose not calculating the Fraction Repaired based on these parameters, but instead choosing a value consistent with the owner response rate for exhaust emissions. Our current proposal for owner response rate to OBD malfunction lights for exhaust emissions is a 90 percent in I/M areas. We welcome comments on this choice for evaporative I/M estimates.

## 2.5 Technician Training

In MOBILE6, as in MOBILE5, the evaporative I/M repair benefits assume that technicians have sufficient training to make effective evaporative emission repairs. Thus there is no extra benefit for technician training for evaporative I/M.

## 2.6 Sample Computations

For sample calculations, see worksheets "sample calc" and "sample calc OBD" of the attached Excel 97 spreadsheet, *m6im003.xls*. The first worksheet is designed for modeling weighting factors for vehicles without OBD or ETP (pre-1996). The second is designed for vehicles with OBD and ETP (1999 and later). Model year 1996-1998 should be modeled as a weighted average of the results from the two spreadsheets.

The worksheets are designed for users to input data into the yellow cells. Users can select a scenario from those listed in worksheets "1995 s descriptions and results" or "2025 s descriptions and results" specify the evaluation years, vehicle ages, and program parameters (applicability, participation, non-compliance and waiver rates). Blue cells are values that are looked up in other worksheets. The green cells are the resulting weighting factors for that specific age and evaluation year.

## **Section 3 Effects of Inspection Frequency (Sawtooth Methodology)**

As is true for exhaust I/M, the length of time between evaporative system inspections is an important variable for determining the emission benefit of the inspections. Thus, MOBILE6 will calculate different evaporative test status *IMWeightings* for annual, biennial and “N-iennial” periodic I/M, as well as change of ownership I/M (COIM), and remote sensing (RSD).

To calculate the effects of the different program designs, MOBILE uses the “sawtooth methodology.” This methodology is designed to account for two I/M facts: (1) failures occur between inspections, and (2) because vehicles are tested throughout the year, emissions at any point in time are actually an average of the emissions before and after testing.

The sawtooth used for evaporative system I/M is based on the sawtooth used for exhaust emissions (see M6.IM.001), modified to apply to the unique aspects of MOBILE6 evaporative emissions calculations. In particular, it takes into account the fact that evaporative I/M reductions are not calculated as a credit subtracted from no-I/M emissions, but as a re-weighting of the test-status categories.

### **3.1 General Sawtooth Method**

For purposes of modeling, we assume all vehicles are inspected on the first anniversary of their purchase and periodically thereafter, always on that same date. It is also assumed that sales occur exactly in the 12 month period from October of the calendar year previous to the model year through September of the next calendar year. For example, in January, 1999, the age distribution of the 1997 model year vehicles will range from 1.25 years to 2.25 years. With an annual inspection program, most of these vehicles will have been inspected once, several months ago, but those sold in October-December of 1996 will have experienced a more recent second inspection.

Because of the distribution in inspection times, the sawtooth methodology divides the vehicle of a given model year into two groups, (1) the younger cars, those purchased between the evaluation date (typically July 1) and September 30, and (2) the older cars, those purchased between October 1 and the evaluation date. As in the description of the exhaust I/M sawtooth method, the first group is referred to as the “first segment”; the second is the “second segment”.

For exhaust emissions, we assume that the type of problems which cause I/M failures can re-occur as often in the repaired vehicles as they do in the unrepaired fleet. We will assume that this holds true for evaporative failures as well. Thus, it is assumed that the fleet, after repair, will have the same rates of new failures as vehicles of the same age before repairs. For evaporative emissions, this assumption means that the oldest and newest cars will have low rates of new failure after repair, while middle-aged vehicles will have much higher rates of new failures. This assumption is not completely satisfactory, and while we do not believe it has a significant impact

on our results (see footnote 24 in Section 4), we welcome specific suggestions of ways to modify the sawtooth methodology in order to account for fail rates that differ for repaired and unrepaired vehicles, and for suggestions of alternative rates to be used for the vehicles with evaporative system repairs.

The MOBILE6 proposed approach is illustrated in Figure 3.1 which shows a generalized version of the I/M sawtooth methodology. The top set of points represents a set of original test-status weightings at various ages for a given test-status.<sup>19</sup> For instance, Points A, B, and C might illustrate the non I/M case fail pressure/fail purge test status fraction for vehicle ages of 0, 1, and 2 years.<sup>20</sup> The lower curve represents the fraction after I/M repair (without the sawtooth). In particular, points E and G represent the revised fail rates calculated for a given age as described in Section 2.

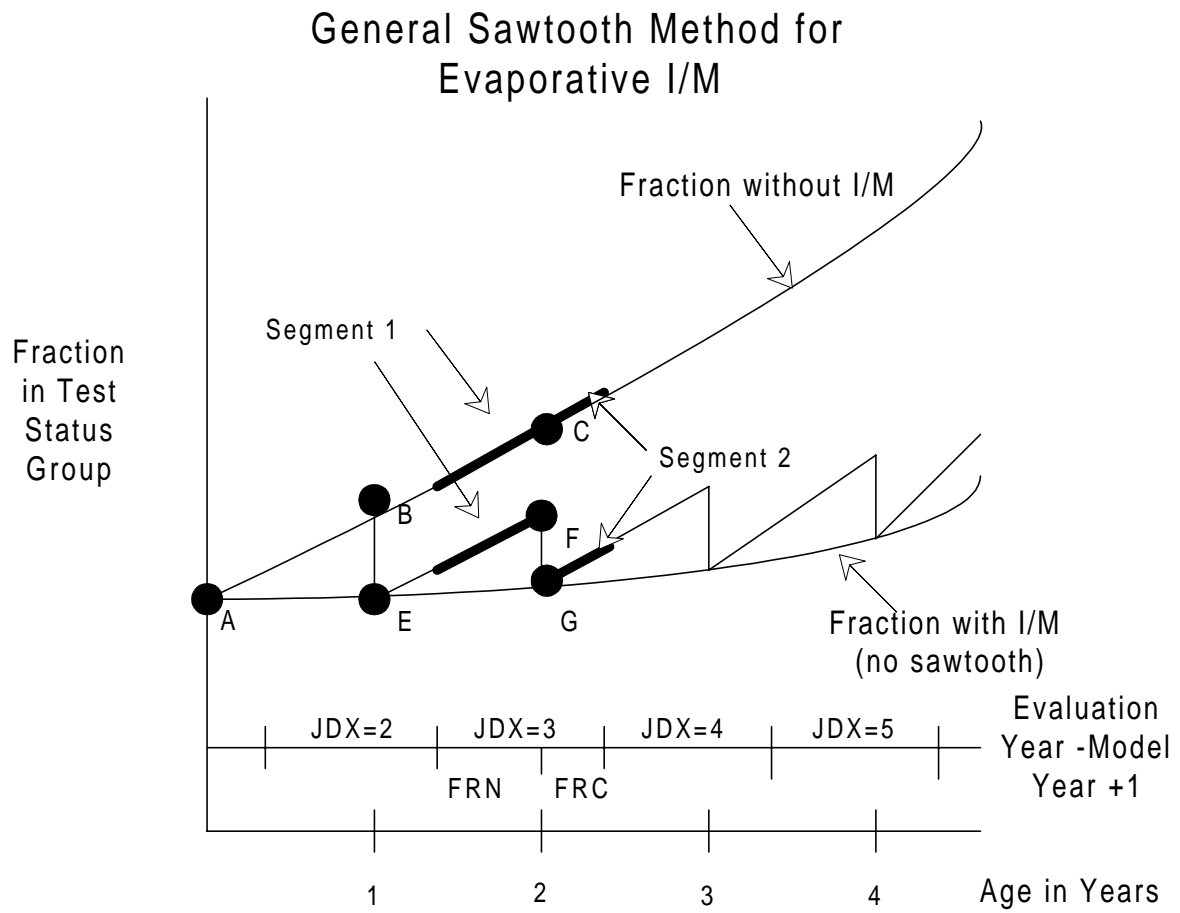
The toothed line (A, B, E, F, G,...) between the no-I/M curve and the repair curve represents the repair and subsequent deterioration of a cohort of vehicles of the same age. All deterioration slopes are parallel with the no-I/M curve (i.e., segment E-F is parallel to segment B-C). Note that the slope varies for different ages. Also note that the assumption that the lines are parallel (that the rate of new failures is a function of age, but are not affected by I/M inspections) does not affect the fail rate after inspection (points E and G in Figure 1), these are assumed to be independent of inspection frequency and are the values determined in Section 2. However, the rate of new failures does determine the slope of the I/M line between inspections and the estimated fail rate before inspection, thus determining the value for point F and the average values of Segments 1 and 2.

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<sup>19</sup>These calculations will be made for the test-status groups that involve failure (PF, FP, FF). The rate for passing group (PP) will be calculated by subtracting all the failing fractions from 1.0

<sup>20</sup>As explained in M6.EVP.005 and summarized in the introduction of this document, there are different curves for traditional vehicles and vehicles subject to the enhanced evaporative test procedure and vehicles equipped with OBD.

Figure 3.1



In the illustration, the repair effect is represented by the sudden change in test status weighting at each inspection interval (i.e, from Point F to Point G)<sup>21</sup>. However, this represents only a single cohort of vehicles inspected on the same day. To compute the evaluation-date value of inspections distributed throughout the year, we calculate an average. The heavy shaded portions of the lines illustrate how the test status weighting for a model year of index 3 (JDX=evaluation year-model year +1) is produced. MOBILE6 chooses either January or July of a calendar year as the evaluation date. This example shows a January evaluation. Segment 1 represents the vehicles sold from January through September, which are still less than 2 years old at the January 1 evaluation date. The vehicles sold from October through December are represented by Segment 2. These are vehicles which are older than 2 years. The average value for each segment is calculated and the two are weighted together by the model year fractions, FRC and FRN, that are represented by each segment. FRC and FRN are calculated from the evaluation month (for example, for January, FRC=0.25, FRN=0.75). This weighted average is used in MOBILE6 as the fail rate for the age in the post-I/M case. For less frequent periodic inspections, (biennial, triennial, etc.) the “teeth” of the sawtooth are more widely spaced. The mathematical details of this methodology are described in Appendix B.

### 3.2 Selective I/M programs

As an alternative or an addition to programs that inspect the entire fleet at regular intervals (periodic testing), areas may establish programs that select a specific portion of a model year for more frequent or less frequent inspections. These selective I/M programs include remote sensing programs, clean screening programs, change of ownership programs and high emitter profiling. Each of these is described in the report on exhaust I/M (M6.IM.001).

While remote sensing may be select vehicles with high exhaust emissions, selection by model year or age are the only commonly used programs to screen for high evaporative emissions. These types of screening programs are modeling by varying test applicability or applying a grace period as described in Appendix B. But a remote sensing program or change of ownership program may bring exhaust high emitters in for an extra evaporative test or may exempt the vehicles from a regularly scheduled test. We propose that MOBILE6 will model these such programs as if the vehicles affected are a representative sample of the evaporative test status groups for that age and model year.

If coding time allows, MOBILE6 will use three different methodologies to compute evaporative emissions in three different kinds of selective I/M programs.

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<sup>21</sup>The after-repair I/M weighting will actually increase for some test-status groupings. The fraction of pass pressure/pass purge should always increase, and, for example, in an I/M program with only a gas cap test, repairs may increase the fraction of vehicles in the pass pressure/fail purge category as vehicles are repaired from fail pressure/fail purge status.

### **3.2.1 Selective I/M without Periodic Testing**

The first, and simplest, methodology is for programs that do **not** require periodic tests, but require only selective tests. In this case, the program is treated as an annual inspection with the applicability parameter (see Section 2.1.1) determined by the fraction of vehicles subject to the emission test on an annual basis. For example, for a program that required testing only at change of ownership and used the MOBILE6 default rates for change of ownership programs, MOBILE6 would use an applicability fraction of 0.16, twice the six month default probability of eight percent as explained in M6.IM.001. The basic sawtooth method would be used to distribute these tests across the model year. If users are selecting a fraction of the model year some other way (including remote sensing for exhaust emissions), the user must enter the fraction (from 0 to 1) by age for which evaporative system tests are applicable. The default value is zero.

### **3.2.2 Selective Exemptions from Periodic I/M**

For periodic I/M programs that selectively exempt a fraction of a model year (for example, clean screening and high emitter profiling), a similar method is used, except the exempted fraction (values from 0 to 1) is subtracted from the applicability otherwise used.. MOBILE6 will not calculate the exempted fraction, this must be estimated outside the model. Users may input the exempted fraction by age. The default value is zero.

### **3.2.3 Selective I/M with Periodic Testing**

Areas may want to model programs such as RSD in combination with a periodic testing program. As for the other selective programs, users may input the fraction of vehicles receiving an extra test by age. The default value is zero. However, the actual computations for this type of program are the most complicated because the benefits of the selective testing must be combined with the benefits of periodic testing.

As for exhaust I/M, we assume that selective testing does not affect the reductions achieved with periodic testing, except to decrease the deterioration between inspections. Effectively, we assume that the fraction of the fleet inspected with RSD or COIM is repaired to the test status weighting otherwise expected from periodic inspection and that the fraction of the fleet selected for additional inspection experiences no new failures between the most recent periodic inspection and the evaluation date.<sup>22</sup> We also assume that, on average, the entire I/M

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<sup>22</sup>This assumption may overestimate the evaporative emission benefit of selective I/M programs since it does not account for new failures that may occur in the selected vehicles in the time between their selective inspection and the next periodic inspection. However, this overestimate is likely to be negligible, especially in programs with annual or biennial periodic inspections. Furthermore, the overestimate may be met by the deterrence effect of a selective

fleet will have no more than one selective inspection in the interval between the periodic inspection and the evaluation date.

### 3.3 Algebraic and Numeric details

A detailed mathematical treatment of selective I/M with periodic testing is provided in Appendix B.

The Excel workbook *m6im003.xls* includes two worksheets (“Pre-OBD Annual Sawtooth” and “OBD Annual Sawtooth”) that provide example calculations of the annual sawtooth case. These may be modified by entering alternate evaluation months, test frequencies and grace periods.

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## Section 4 Preliminary comparisons to MOBILE5

When MOBILE6 is coded, the model will compute the emission impact of evaporative I/M programs by combining the methodology presented in this report with updated approaches for estimating diurnal, hot soak and running loss emissions, including emissions from gross liquid leakers and estimates of the effects of ambient temperature and fuel conditions and patterns of vehicle activity. When coding is complete, it will be easy to compare different evaporative I/M program designs and to compare results between MOBILE6 and MOBILE5. In the meantime, we have performed a preliminary analysis to provide a general indication of how MOBILE6 evaporative I/M benefits are likely to compare to benefits estimated using MOBILE5.

The MOBILE5 methodology for estimating emissions from evaporative I/M is less elaborate than what we have proposed for MOBILE6, but the two approaches have basic similarities. Like MOBILE6, the MOBILE5 methodology is based on varying the fraction of vehicles in the pressure and purge test status groups. In MOBILE5, the weighting factors for the no I/M case are modified to account for I/M and modified to account for I/M effectiveness and the “sawtooth” effect of failures between inspections. MOBILE5 only estimates evaporative I/M effects for pressure and purge tests. The effects of OBD tests are not computed, and gas cap effects have to be calculated outside the model as a fraction of the pressure test effect.<sup>23</sup>

In MOBILE5, test-status weightings for vehicles failing the pressure test, the purge test and both were estimated using a zero mile intercept and slopes for below and above 50,000 miles. These rates were based on data from Hammond, Indiana I/M lanes. MOBILE 5 then calculates a percent reduction in the fraction of failing vehicles. This is based on a user-input compliance rate (typically 96 percent) and a “sawtooth” effectiveness based on age that is calculated outside the model, based on an assumed 95 percent detection rate and an assumed cyclical pattern of repeat failures in previously repaired vehicles.

Charts 4.1 and 4.2 illustrate the differences between MOBILE5 and MOBILE6 as a function of age. Table 4.1 lists the age-weighted average of the failing weighting factors for MOBILE5 and MOBILE6, and the following charts illustrate the fraction of failing vehicles as a function of age for MOBILE5 and our proposal for MOBILE6. The MOBILE5 “with I/M” rates were computed for a test-only program of annual pressure and purge tests with 96 percent compliance. The MOBILE6 rates were computed for a 1995 calendar year program of annual fill-pipe, gas cap and purge tests with 85% participation, 10 percent non-compliance, 10 percent waivers, 20 percent benefit for waived vehicles and a one year grace period.

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<sup>23</sup>“Credit for Gas Cap Check plus Purge Test,” memo from Phil Lorang to Regional Air Directors, December 1994.



Table 4.1 Age Weighted Test Status Fractions (1995 fleet)

	Without I/M		With I/M	
	MOBILE5	MOBILE6	MOBILE5	MOBILE6
Fail Purge Tests (PF+FF)	0.096	0.100	0.018	0.060
Fail Pressure Tests (FP+FF)	0.131	0.141	0.027	0.095

While these tables and charts do not compare evaporative emissions between the two models, they do illustrate several important differences between the models.

1. The “no I/M” failure curves have quite different shapes in the two models. The MOBILE6 curves show lower failure rates in early years and a steep increase in failures after about age 10. For the oldest cars, MOBILE6 predicts much higher failure rates than MOBILE5. This is based on new data on vehicles over 20 years old collected by the Coordinated Research Council (CRC). However, averaged across all ages, the two models lead to very similar average fail rates for the “no I/M” case. For more information on the “no I/M” rates, see M6.EVP.006.
2. The MOBILE5 model (in particular, the external model used to estimate I/M effectiveness values for MOBILE5) is based on the assumption that detection and repair of failures in one year is independent of detection and repair in future years, thus with an I/M program, virtually all failing vehicles will eventually be detected and repaired if they go through enough I/M cycles. On the other hand, the MOBILE6 approach is based on testing experience that shows some vehicles are inherently “untestable” because of their design, and will never be repaired, no matter how many inspections they undergo. Furthermore, the MOBILE6 methodology assumes that vehicles that are not repaired in one year due to non-participation, non-compliance or waiver, also will not be repaired in future years. Thus, in our proposed MOBILE 6 approach, failures will accumulate in a subset of vehicles despite the existence of an I/M program. We believe this is a more realistic result.
3. The MOBILE5 model (in particular, the external model used to estimate I/M effectiveness values for MOBILE5) assumes a cyclical pattern of repeat failures in previously repaired vehicles. MOBILE6 assumes that repaired vehicles fail at the same rate as non-repaired vehicles of the same age. In the MOBILE5 case, this leads to periodic dips in the “with I/M” curve. In the proposed MOBILE6 case, our assumptions lead to a significant decrease in the “with I/M” failures at ages where the fail rate in the “no I/M” case has flattened out (for example, at ages greater than 20 in Chart 4.1). Because the fraction of

Chart 4.1 Pressure Failures, M5 vs M6, 1995 Calendar Year

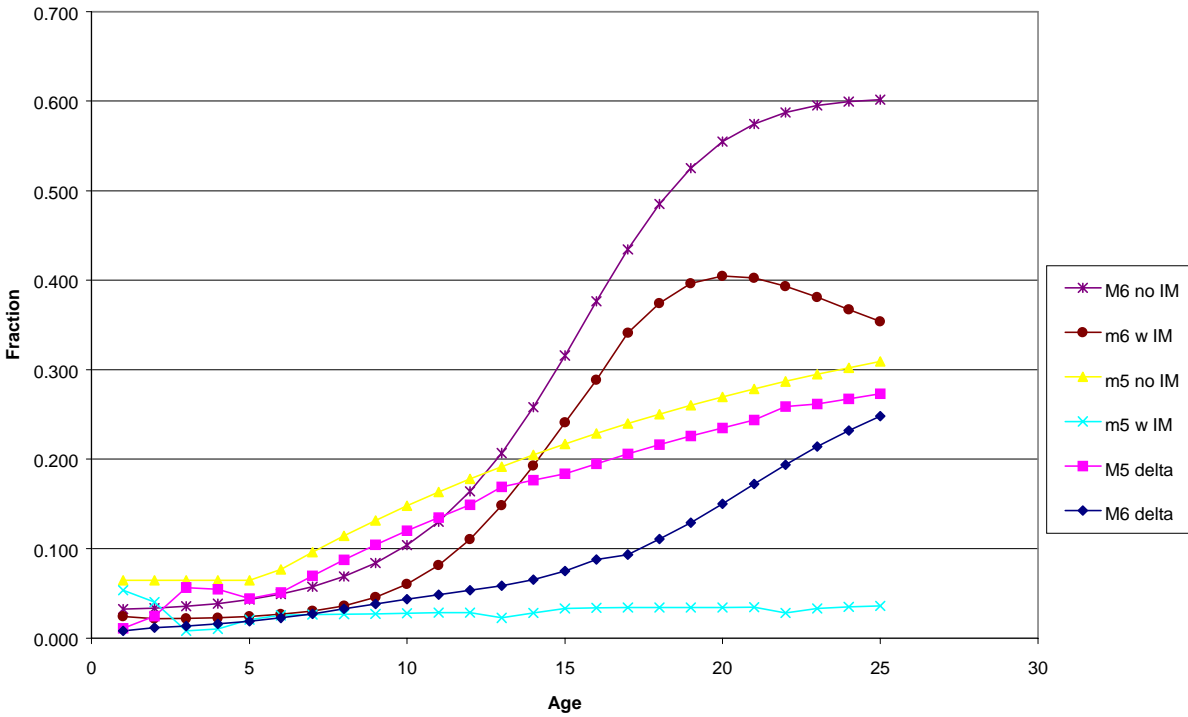
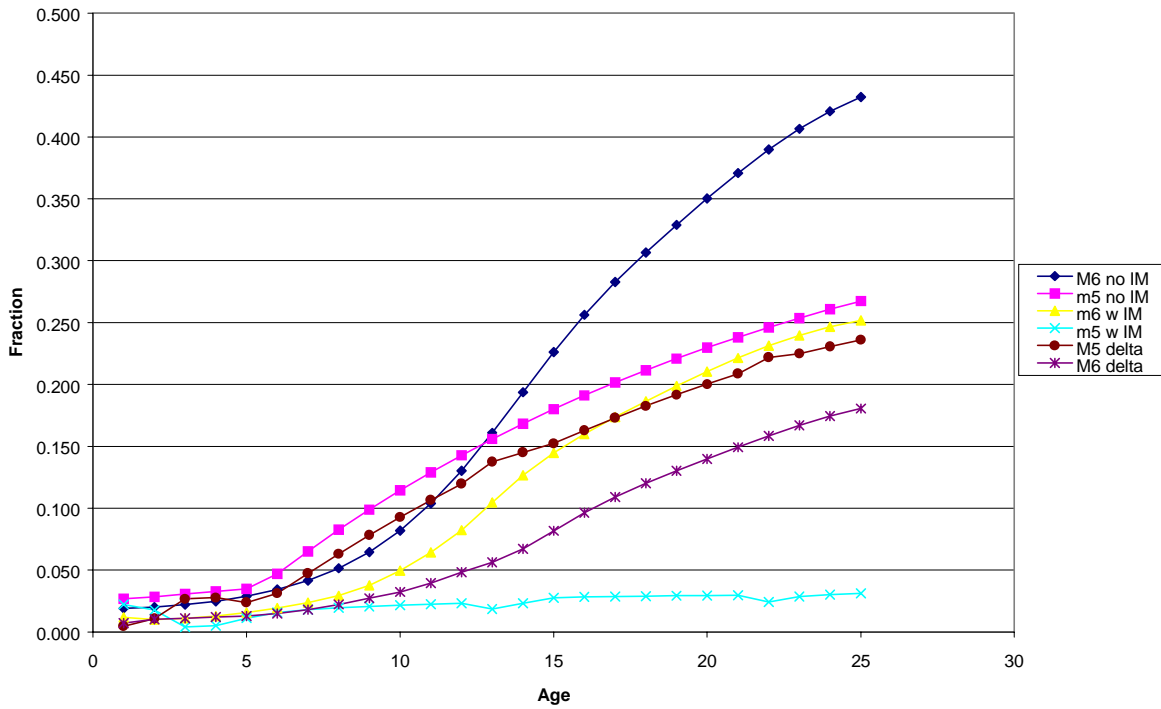


Chart 4.2, Purge Failures, M5 vs M6, 1995 Calendar Year



the fleet at these ages is small, we believe that the MOBILE6 approach is an acceptable simplification;<sup>24</sup> however, we welcome comments on how to better model repeat failures.

4. As the charts indicate, these results suggest that for an annual purge, gas cap and fill-pipe pressure test for all ages, MOBILE6 may indicate significantly less credit for evaporative I/M programs than MOBILE 5. However, these results look at test-status weighting factors only. They do not include the new MOBILE6 estimates for evaporative emissions, and gross liquid leakers. They do not include changes in RVP and temperature effects or vehicle activity.

In addition, the results discussed here are only for a specific scenario. With other program designs, such as gas-cap only tests and programs with longer grace periods, the MOBILE6 I/M benefits may be closer to, or even exceed those estimated in MOBILE5.

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<sup>24</sup>To test the assertion that the MOBILE6 repeat failure assumption has a negligible impact, we took the MOBILE6 “with I/M” fraction of failures illustrated in Chart 4.1 (Pressure Failures, M5 vs M6, 1995 Calendar Year), and set the fraction of failures as a constant for ages greater than 20. This increased the total fraction of remaining pressure failures by only a tenth of a percent.

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## **Appendix A Observed Fail Rates**

Observed fail rates are the percent of tested vehicles that failed a given evaporative emission test. They are used in MOBILE6 to determine the failure rates for specific tests as described in Section 3.4 of M6.IMP.003. Observed fail rates are likely to vary with individual program design, and ideally should be measured from the program being modeled. However, for prospective modeling, it is necessary to provide default rates. This appendix explains how default values were determined for the values AZFP, IL and AZGCONly.

### **Gas Cap Tests ("IL" gas cap fail rate)**

For gas cap tests, the default observed fail rates in MOBILE6 are derived from data from the Illinois evaporative I/M program. This program tests gas caps for leaks of 60 cc per minute or more. Data is available on 1,865,029 LDVs and LDTs of model year 1971-1997, tested from April 1997 to April 1998.

To determine a smooth function describing how gas cap fail rates increase with age, we used the following approach:

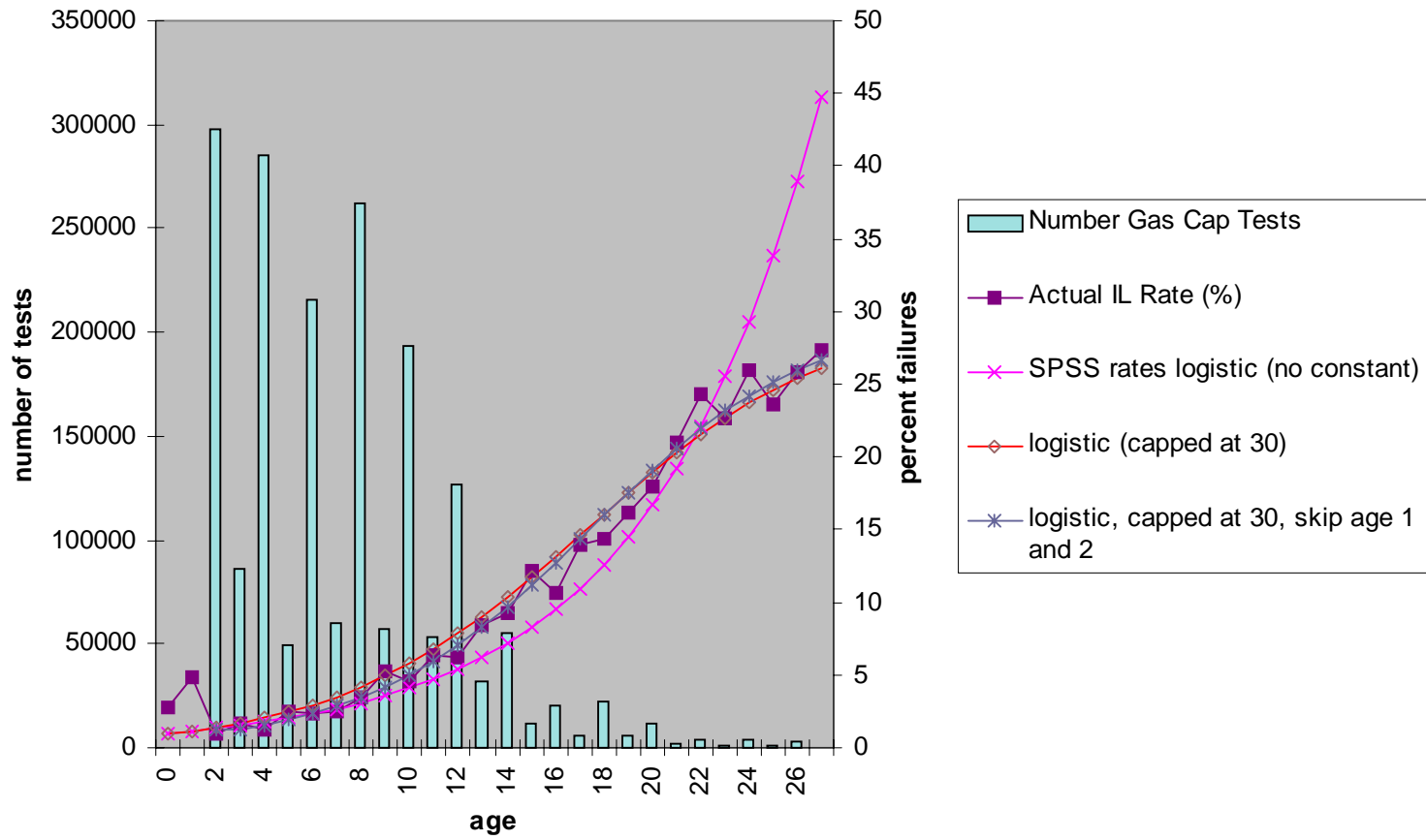
1. Age was calculated as test year minus model year.
2. Test results by model year and test month were grouped by age.
3. Failing vehicles were defined as vehicles that had leaking, missing, damaged or wrong gas caps.
4. Failure rates were defined as the number of failing vehicles divided by the number of vehicles receiving a gas cap test.
5. Regressions were run through the failure rate data. These are displayed in Table A-1 and Figure A-1.
6. The logistic regression capped at 30 percent was chosen as the best fit to represent the fail rates. Like the un-capped logistic regression, this regression provides a close fit for the most abundant model years. Compared to the uncapped logistic, it provides slightly higher fail rate estimates for younger vehicles, but it provides a much better representation of the leveling-off in fail rates that we see in the oldest vehicles.
7. Because the data from the latest model years (ages 1 and 2) includes vehicles built to the enhanced evaporative emission standard and equipped with OBD, the regression was run again without these vehicles.
8. The coefficients from this regression were used to develop an equation describing the fail rate that could be used to predict the fail rate at ages 1 and 2.

Table A-1

<b>AGE BASED GAS CAP TEST RESULTS</b>							
<b>Initial Tests for April 1997 Through April 1998</b>							
First Model Year	Age	Number Gas Cap Tests	Actual IL Rate* (%)	Linear Regression (no constant)	Logistic Regression (no constant)	Logistic Regression (capped at 30)	Logistic, capped at 30, skip age 1 and 2
1971	27	336	27.4	24.11	44.77	26.14	26.67
	26	2782	25.8	23.22	38.89	25.43	25.98
	25	1218	23.6	22.32	33.78	24.62	25.16
	24	3634	25.9	21.43	29.35	23.69	24.22
	23	1085	22.6	20.54	25.49	22.66	23.14
	22	3856	24.3	19.65	22.14	21.51	21.92
	21	2269	21.0	18.75	19.24	20.26	20.58
	20	11435	17.9	17.86	16.71	18.93	19.13
	19	5352	16.1	16.97	14.52	17.52	17.58
	18	21995	14.3	16.07	12.61	16.07	15.98
	17	5621	13.9	15.18	10.95	14.59	14.36
	16	20038	10.6	14.29	9.51	13.12	12.75
	15	11582	12.1	13.39	8.26	11.69	11.19
	14	55440	9.2	12.50	7.18	10.32	9.72
	13	31974	8.4	11.61	6.24	9.03	8.35
	12	126805	6.2	10.72	5.42	7.84	7.11
	11	53179	6.3	9.82	4.71	6.76	6.00
	10	193384	4.5	8.93	4.09	5.78	5.03
	9	56621	5.2	8.04	3.55	4.92	4.19
	8	262211	3.5	7.14	3.08	4.16	3.46
	7	59887	2.5	6.25	2.68	3.50	2.85
	6	216051	2.3	5.36	2.33	2.94	2.34
	5	48952	2.5	4.46	2.02	2.46	1.91
	4	285036	1.3	3.57	1.76	2.05	1.56
	3	85945	1.6	2.68	1.53	1.70	1.27
	2	298243	0.9	1.79	1.33	1.41	1.27
	1	62	4.8	0.89	1.15	1.17	
	0	36	2.8	0.00	1.00	0.97	
Totals		1865029	3.7				
R2				0.958	0.967	0.979	0.982

\* Calculated from Illinois data. "Age" equals calendar year minus model year.

**Figure A-1**  
**Illinois Gas Cap Fail Rates--Possible Fits**





Thus, to represent the fail rates of 1995 and earlier model years, MOBILE6 will use the fail rates computed with the capped logistic regression skipping ages 1 and 2. The associated logistic equation is:

$$F \times 100 = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{u} + b_0 + b_1^a}$$

Where:

- F = the fail rate
- u = the upper bound, 30
- b<sub>0</sub> = 1.4462
- b<sub>1</sub> = 0.8051
- a = age

This leads to the fail rate percentages listed in Table A-2.

For 1996-1998 model years, the I/M benefits will be calculated using both 1995 and 1999 rates. After emissions are calculated, these will be weighted together based on the enhanced test procedure phase-in schedule given in Table A-3.

For 1999 and later years, this fail rate will be adjusted to account for the enhanced evaporative emission standard and OBD since we would expect fewer failures in these vehicles. As is done for test status groups (see Section 1.2.3. of this document and also M6.EVP.006), the failures in these vehicles will be adjusted to double the time for failure and to reduce failures to account for OBD. For age 0-3, we assume that 76.5 percent of new failures are detected by OBD and repaired.<sup>25</sup>

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<sup>25</sup>The OBD detection rate is the product of the OBD failure rate and the owner response rate. When MOBILE6 is coded, these values may be user inputs. In any case, they should be consistent with the rates used for exhaust.

$$F \times 100 = \left[ \frac{1}{\frac{1}{u} + b_0 \times b_1^{\left(\frac{a}{2}\right)}} \right] \times (1 - 0.765)$$

For 1999-and-later year vehicles of ages from 3 to 6, we assume the doubling of durability and that 8.5 percent of new failures are detected and repaired. The 0.8487 in the equation accounts for the difference in fail rates at age 3.

$$F * 100 = \left( \frac{1}{\frac{1}{u} + b_0 \times b_1^{\left(\frac{a}{2}\right)}} \right) \times (1 - 0.085) - 0.8487$$

For 1999-and-later year vehicles of age greater than 6, we assume no OBD repairs in the absence of an I/M program. The 1.27 in the equation is the difference in fail rates at age 6 due to the owner response rate under warranty.

$$F \times 100 = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{u} + b_0 \times b_1^{\left(\frac{a}{2}\right)}} - 1.27$$

This leads to the fail rate percentages listed in Table A-2..

Table A-2

<b>Gas Cap Fail Rates (in percent) For MOBILE6</b>		
Age	MY 1995 and earlier	MY 1999 and later*
0	0.68	0.16
1	0.83	0.18
2	1.03	0.20
3	1.27	0.22
4	1.56	0.31
5	1.91	0.42
6	2.34	0.53
7	2.85	0.67
8	3.46	0.82
9	4.19	0.99
10	5.03	1.18
11	6.00	1.38
12	7.11	1.60
13	8.36	1.85
14	9.72	2.12
15	11.20	2.41
16	12.76	2.73
17	14.36	3.07
18	15.99	3.45
19	17.59	3.85
20	19.13	4.29
21	20.59	4.76
22	21.93	5.27
23	23.14	5.80
24	24.22	6.37
25	25.17	6.98
26	25.98	7.62
27	26.68	8.29

\*For 1996-1998 model years, I/M benefits will be calculated using both 1995 and 1999 rates. Emissions will be weighted together based on the enhanced test procedure phase-in schedule given in Table A-3.

Table A-3

Phase-in of Vehicles With Enhanced Evaporative Controls and OBD*	
Model Year	Percentage
1995	0%
1996	20%
1997	40%
1998	90%
1999	100%

\* Phase-in schedule from 40 CFR 86.096-8

### Fill-Pipe Pressure Test Fail Rates (AZFP pressure rate)

For fill-pipe pressure tests, fail rates are based on rates measured in Arizona's I/M program. Gordon Darby provided test result counts by month and vehicle class for 536,520 LDVs, 227,753 LDT1s and 67,292 LDT2s that received fill-pipe pressure tests and gas cap tests between August 1997 and August 1998. Model years from 1981 to 1999 were tested in a program that pressurizes to 14 inches of water column at the fillpipe and looks for a loss of more than 6 inches of water in 2 minutes or less.

To determine a smooth function describing how fill-pipe pressure fail rates increase with age, we used the following approach:

1. To derive rates appropriate for vehicles built prior to the advanced evaporative test procedure, data on model years 1996-and-later were removed from the data set, leaving 497,227 LDVs, 214,049 LDT1s and 61,634 LDT2s of model year 1981-1995. For consistency with other evaporative emissions work, we combined all data on the three vehicle classes.
2. Age was defined as model year minus test year.
3. Fill-pipe failures were defined as vehicles that failed to pressurize or had visual failures of missing canisters, damaged canisters or missing hoses.
4. The Arizona fail rate was computed as the number of failures divided by the number of

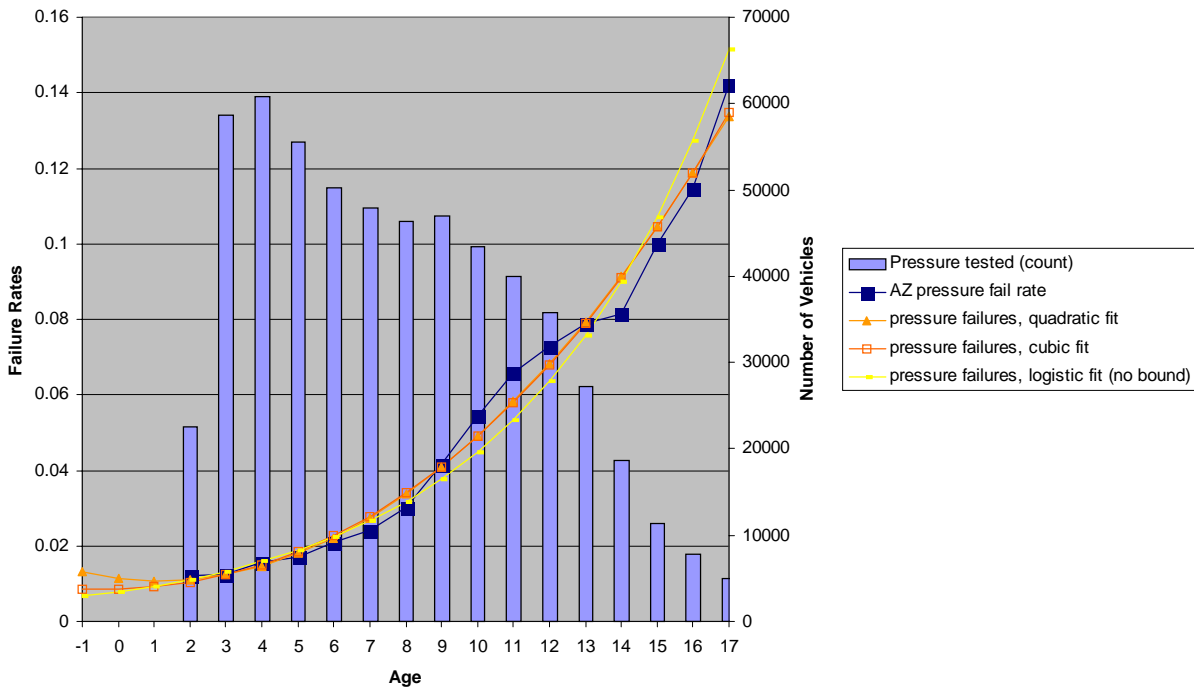
vehicles with successful tests for each age.

5. This rate was graphed versus age, and a number of statistical fits were computed with SPSS software. The raw data and the three best fits are shown in Figure A-2 and Table A-4. The cubic and quadratic equations offer the best fits to the data, each with an R-squared of 0.986. In SPSS the two equations provide almost identical predicted values as shown in Table A-4. For simplicity, the quadratic form will be used. However, because the curvature of the quadratic form predicts more failures at ages -1 and 0 than at age 1, we will set the values for ages 0 and -1 to be the same as the value at age 1.

Table A-4

Arizona Pressure Fail Rates, MY 1981-1995, Possible Fits					
Age	Number of Vehicles Tested	Pressure Fail Rate	Quadratic Fit	Cubic Fit	Logistic Fit (no upper bound)
-1	0		0.013		
0	0		0.011	0.009	0.008
1	0		0.011	0.009	0.009
2	22596	0.012	0.011	0.010	0.011
3	58576	0.012	0.012	0.012	0.013
4	60745	0.016	0.015	0.015	0.016
5	55611	0.017	0.018	0.018	0.019
6	50282	0.021	0.022	0.023	0.022
7	47890	0.024	0.027	0.028	0.027
8	46381	0.030	0.034	0.034	0.032
9	46942	0.042	0.041	0.041	0.038
10	43468	0.054	0.049	0.049	0.045
11	39917	0.066	0.058	0.058	0.053
12	35770	0.073	0.068	0.068	0.064
13	27259	0.079	0.079	0.079	0.076
14	18729	0.081	0.092	0.091	0.090
15	11310	0.100	0.105	0.104	0.107
16	7721	0.115	0.119	0.119	0.127
17	4928	0.142	0.134	0.135	0.151
		R-squared	0.986	0.986	0.982
		b0	0.0115	0.0086	126.536
		b1	-0.0012	0.0002	0.8406
		b2	0.0005	0.0003	
		b3		5.90E-06	

Figure A-2  
AZ Pressure Fail Rates, Possible Fits



So, for light-duty vehicles and trucks, model years 1981-1995, the default fill-pipe pressure test fail rate in percent will be:

$$F = 0.0115 - 0.0012a + 0.0005a^2$$

Where F = the fail rate in percent  
a = the age in years.

The default rates are listed in Table A-5

For model years 1999 and later, these fail rates will be adjusted to account for the enhanced evaporative test procedure (ETP) requirement and OBD.

As previously explained for gas caps and test status groups, the increased durability due to the ETP will be expected to decrease the age effects by a factor of two. The OBD effects in a non-I/M area are expected to decrease the occurrence of failures by 76.5 percent in years 1-3 and

8.5% in years 3-6. Thus we will use the following equations to predict fail rates<sup>26</sup>:

For light-duty vehicles and trucks, model years 1999-and-later, age 2-3:

$$F = \left[ 0.0115 - 0.0012 \left( \frac{a}{2} \right) + 0.0005 \left( \frac{a}{2} \right)^2 \right] \times (1 - 0.765)$$

Because the equation predicts higher rates for for ages -1,0 and 1 than for age 2, we will use the value calculated for age 2 for these rates.

For ages greater-than-3 up to 6, the calculation includes the ETP durability effect (division of age by two), and the non-I/M area reductions of new failures by 8.5%, but the total fail rate also is shifted to account for the reductions in years -1-3. Thus, the fail rate includes a term (0.0074) subtracting the difference between the fail rate at age 3 with the 90% and the 10 percent owner response assumptions.

$$F = \left\{ \left[ 0.0115 - 0.0002 \left( \frac{a}{2} \right) + 0.0005 \left( \frac{a}{2} \right)^2 \right] \times 0.915 \right\} - 0.0074$$

For ages greater than 6, the calculation is similar, except there is no reduction in new failures due to OBD, and the rate is adjusted by 0.0084 to account for the difference at age 6 in the fail rate with the 10% and the zero response assumptions.

$$F = \left[ 0.0115 - 0.0002 \left( \frac{a}{2} \right) + 0.0005 \left( \frac{a}{2} \right)^2 \right] - 0.0084$$

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<sup>26</sup>OBD assumptions are subject to change. These equations will be updated as necessary.



Table A-5

Fill Pipe Pressure Test Failure rates for MOBILE6*		
Age	Model Years 1995 and earlier	Model Years 1999 and later**
-1	0.011	0.003
0	0.011	0.003
1	0.011	0.003
2	0.011	0.003
3	0.012	0.003
4	0.015	0.003
5	0.018	0.003
6	0.022	0.004
7	0.028	0.005
8	0.034	0.006
9	0.041	0.008
10	0.050	0.010
11	0.059	0.012
12	0.069	0.014
13	0.080	0.016
14	0.093	0.019
15	0.106	0.022
16	0.120	0.025
17	0.136	0.029
18	0.152	0.033
19	0.169	0.037
20	0.188	0.041
21	0.207	0.046
22	0.227	0.050
23	0.248	0.055
24	0.271	0.061
25	0.294	0.066

\* (Calculated in M6IM003.xls, "Az pres rates", 3/26/99. Values differ from those in table A-4 due to rounding of coefficients in SPSS output.)

\*\* Emissions for Model Years 1996-1998 will be a weighted average based on the phase-in schedule given in Table A-3.

## "Gas Cap Only" Rates ("AZOnly")

The first section of this appendix describes the fraction of all vehicles that have gas cap failures. Some of these vehicles have both gas cap problems and additional problems that would be detected with a fill-pipe pressure test. For MOBILE6 we need to determine the distribution of these vehicles in the fleet. Specifically, for the calculations described in this report, we need to determine the fraction of all gas cap failures that are "gas cap only" failures (rather than both gas cap and "fill-pipe" failures). Since the only states performing both tests are Arizona and Delaware, and Arizona data were readily available, the Arizona data were used.

1. To derive rates appropriate for vehicles built prior to the advanced evaporative test procedure, data on model years 1996-and-later were removed from the data set, leaving 497,227 LDVs, 214,049 LDT1s and 61,634 LDT2s of model year 1981-1995. For consistency with other evaporative emissions work, we combined the three vehicle classes.
2. Age was defined as model year minus test year.
3. Total gas cap failures for a given age were defined as the sum of the vehicles failing the gas cap test and having a missing or damaged gas cap.
4. "Failed both pressure and gas cap" numbers were provided by Arizona and summed for each age. This number includes vehicles that failed both tests for any reason, including visual failures such as missing gas caps and missing hoses.<sup>27</sup>
5. Because many vehicles that were tested with the gas cap test were not testable with the fill-pipe pressure test, the "gas cap only" fraction of gas cap failures could not be computed directly. Instead we computed a ratio of Arizona fail rates. The gas cap only rate was defined as (gas cap failures/total gas cap tests - failed both/total pressure tests)/(gas cap failures/total gas cap tests), ie  $1 - (\text{failed both}/\text{gas cap failures})(\text{total gas cap tests}/\text{total pressure tests})$ .
6. This rate was computed for each age, and regressions were run through the data (eliminating years where data was not available). The best fit regression was a quadratic. The actual and predicted values are listed in Table A-6 below. The SPSS statistical output is also shown.
7. Since the "gas cap only" ratio is a ratio of fail rates, the predicted improvements due to OBD and enhanced durability should generally cancel out. Thus, in MOBILE6, the gas cap only ratio is used for all model years.

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<sup>27</sup>Per email from Jeff Reeves, Gordon Darby, Inc., 11/11/98.

Table A-6 Gas Cap Only Failures as a Fraction of Gas Cap Failures

Age	Measured Rate	Predicted
-1	na	0.986
0	na	0.985
1	na	0.982
2	0.987	0.979
3	0.971	0.975
4	0.966	0.969
5	0.955	0.963
6	0.954	0.955
7	0.952	0.947
8	0.931	0.937
9	0.937	0.927
10	0.926	0.916
11	0.911	0.903
12	0.861	0.890
13	0.872	0.875
14	0.859	0.860
15	0.852	0.843
16	0.846	0.826
17	0.791	0.808
18	na	0.788
19	na	0.768
20	na	0.746
21	na	0.724
22	na	0.701
23	na	0.676
24	na	0.651
25	na	0.624
	b0	0.9849
	b1	-0.0019
	b2	-0.0005
	Adj. r2	0.9504

Dependent variable.. RATE            Method.. QUADRATI

Multiple R            .97828  
R Square             .95703  
Adjusted R Square   .95042  
Standard Error       .01258

Analysis of Variance:

	DF	Sum of Squares	Mean Square
Regression	2	.04584293	.02292147
Residuals	13	.00205838	.00015834

F = 144.76411      Signif F = .0000

----- Variables in the Equation -----

Variable	B	SE B	Beta	T	Sig T
AGE	-.001948	.003236	-.164156	-.602	.5575
AGE**2	-.000499	.000166	-.817201	-2.997	.0103
(Constant)	.984878	.013561		72.626	.0000

## Appendix B

### Mathematical Treatment of Inspection Frequency for Evaporative I/M

This appendix describes a mathematical approach to calculate the effects of inspection frequency for evaporative I/M as summarized and illustrated in Section 3.0 of the document M6.IM.003.

Note that these calculations must be made for each of the three failing test status groups (pressure fail, purge fail, purge and pressure fail.) For simplicity, this distinction is not detailed in the equations below.

#### The "No-I/M" case

The sawtooth methodology (see Figure 3.1 in the main document) is used in the No-I/M case to determine the test status weightings appropriate for the evaluation month. While simpler methods could accomplish this, this case provides an opportunity to explain many details of the sawtooth methodology before adding the additional complications of the I/M case.

1. Where MEVAL is the month of evaluation, (January = 1, July=7)<sup>28</sup>, we compute *FRC*, the fraction of the year since the model year changed on October 1 as follows:

$$DIFF = MEVAL - 10$$

$$FRC(DIFF \geq 0) = DIFF / 12$$

$$FRC(DIFF < 0) = 1 + DIFF / 12$$

$$FRN = 1 - FRC$$

Thus, for the evaluation months of January-September,  $FRC \geq 0.25$ , for October-December,  $FRC < 0.25$ . Because we assume sales are uniform throughout the year, *FRN* may be considered the fraction of the fleet represented by Segment 1; *FRC* is the fraction of the fleet represented by Segment 2.

2. MOBILE tracks model year through a model year index, *JDX*.

$$JDX = \text{Calendar Year of Evaluation} - \text{Vehicle Model Year} + 1$$

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<sup>28</sup>MOBILE calculates emissions only for January and July ( $FRC = 0.25$  and  $FRC = 0.75$ ). However, for completeness and future coding flexibility, this report describes a method that could be used for any month of the year.

This means, for example, in every month of 1990, a 1990 vehicle has a *JDX* of 1.

3. For the specific model year and evaluation month, we compute the average age for vehicles.

$$AvAge(JDX = 0, FRC < 0.25) = .05 \times FRC$$

$$AvAge(JDX = 1, FRC \geq 0.25) = .05 \times FRC$$

$$AvAge(JDX = 1, FRC < 0.25) = FRC \times [(JDX - 1) + (0.5 \times FRC)] \\ + FRN \times [(JDX - 1) - (0.5 \times FRN)]$$

$$AvAge(JDX > 1) = FRC \times [(JDX - 1) + (0.5 \times FRC)] \\ + FRN \times [(JDX - 1) - (0.5 \times FRN)]$$

4. Based on the previous equations for average age, we can compute the test status weighting for each test status group in the NoIM case as the following<sup>29</sup>:

$$NoIMWeighting(JDX = 0, FRC < 0.25) = NoIM [0.5 \times FRC]$$

$$NoIMWeighting(JDX = 1, FRC \geq 0.25) = NoIM [0.5 \times FRC]$$

$$NoIMWeighting(JDX = 1, FRC < 0.25) = FRC \times [NoIM (JDX - 1 + 0.5 \times FRC)] \\ + FRN \times [NoIM (JDX - 1 - 0.5 \times FRN)]$$

$$NoIMWeighting(JDX > 1) = FRC \times [NoIM (JDX - 1 + 0.5 \times FRC)] \\ + FRN \times [NoIM (JDX - 1 - 0.5 \times FRN)]$$

Where:

*NoIMWeighting* is the weighted average of the two segments of the model year,  
*NoIM* is *NoIM* from Section 2.2

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<sup>29</sup>This equation could be simplified for the No I/M case as was done in the description of exhaust I/M calculations (M6.IM.001, Appendix D), but the format given here has a parallel structure to the format for the I/M calculations.

5. MOBILE6 will not actually calculate the noIM or IM values as it makes the sawtooth calculation, but will look up the appropriate value in a previously calculated array. Because the array has values only for integer ages, the MOBILE code must interpolate between these ages. This interpolation is not detailed here, but can be seen in the "sawtooth" worksheets of Excel workbook *M6IM002.xls*

#### Annual I/M program starting with Age 1

In a periodic I/M program, the test status weighting at an evaluation date can be considered a weighted average of the cars that recently had an inspection (the *FRC* fraction) and those with a more distant (or no) inspection (*FRN*). For both the recent and the distant cases, we assume that the test status weighting at the date of inspection was the I/M test-status weighting (that is, *IM* from Section 2.0) for the average age at inspection (*AIM*).

In the time elapsed since the inspection, we assume more vehicles have entered the failing test status categories. In particular, we assume that the additional vehicles have entered the failing categories at the same rate as they would in the same time period without an I/M program.<sup>30</sup>

Thus, we need to figure the average age at last inspection and the average time since the last inspection.

1. As was explained for exhaust emissions (M6.IM.001, Appendix D), we assume each vehicle is tested on its "birthday," and *AIM* is the vehicle age at the last inspection (*AIM1* is the age for Segment 1; *AIM2* is the age for Segment 2.) For an annual inspection program where vehicles are first inspected at age one year, the age at most recent inspection is listed in Table B-1. We will define *AIM=0* to mean no prior inspection.

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<sup>30</sup>This is a low rate for low and high ages and a high rate in the middle years. The low rate makes sense for low ages, but makes less sense for high ages where the noI/M rate seems to reach an equilibrium we wouldn't necessarily expect with I/M. However, alternative approaches require separate rates for vehicles that have and have not been repaired, and, therefore, would require a more complicated methodology.

Table B-1 Age at most recent inspection, annual I/M, first inspection at age 1 year

JDX	Segment of Model Year	AIM
1	1	na*
1	2	0**
2	1	0**
2	2	1
3	1	1
3	2	2
4	1	2
4	2	3
JDX	1	JDX-2
JDX	2	JDX-1

\* Vehicles in this category have not been sold to original owner yet.

\*\*Vehicles in these categories are less than one year old.

2. Unlike exhaust emissions, where emissions are a function of mileage, we also need to calculate the average time in years since the most recent inspection for both the FRN and FRC segments. If there have been no prior inspections, we calculate the average time since the vehicle was first sold. For an annual inspection program,  $\Delta T$  is calculated as follows for each of the two segments:

$$\Delta T1 = 1 - FRN/2$$

$$\Delta T2 = FRC/2$$

For example, for a January evaluation date,  $\Delta T1=0.625$ ,  $\Delta T2=0.125$ ; for July  $\Delta T1=0.875$ ,  $\Delta T2=0.375$ .

More generally:

$$\Delta T1 = 1 - FRN/2 + (JDX-2 - AIM1)$$

$$\Delta T2 = FRC/2 + (JDX-1 - AIM2)$$

3. The deterioration  $D(JDX, \text{segment})$  is the additional growth in the failing test status group



during the time  $\Delta T$  since the most recent inspection. Since the change in test-status weighting is the same for both the I/M and the NoIM case:

$$D(JDX, 1) = NoIM(AIM 1 + \Delta T_1) - NoIM(AIM 1)$$

$$D(JDX, 2) = NoIM(AIM 2 + \Delta T_2) - NoIM(AIM 2)$$

4. Given the previous calculations, we can compute test status weightings for an annual I/M program as follows:

$$IMWeighting(JDX = 0, FRC < 0.25) = NoIM[0.5 \times FRC]$$

$$IMWeighting(JDX = 1, FRC \geq 0.25) = NoIM[0.5 \times FRC]$$

$$IMWeighting(JDX = 1, FRC < 0.25) = FRC \times [IM(AIM 2) + D(JDX, 2)] \\ + FRN \times [NoIM(JDX - 1 - 0.5 \times FRN)]$$

$$IMWeighting(JDX > 1) = FRC \times [IM(AIM 2) + D(JDX, 2)] \\ + FRN \times [IM(AIM 1) + D(JDX, 1)]$$

Where:

IMWeighting is the weighted average of the two segments of the model year.

IM(AIM) is the test status weighting for age at IM (AIM) after repair, waiver, and non-compliance factors from Section 3.0, but before taking the variety of ages into account. This value is independent of prior year I/M reductions. . We define IM(AIM=0) to be NoIM(0).

AIM1 is the age at the most recent I/M test for vehicles in segment 1 (vehicles sold between the date of evaluation and Sept. 30).

AIM2 is the age at the most recent I/M test for vehicles in segment 2 (vehicles sold between October 1 and the date of evaluation).

JDX is a model year index.  $JDX = \text{Calendar year} - \text{Model Year} + 1$ .

D(JDX,1) is the deterioration, the increase in failing vehicles in the time since the most recent I/M test for Segment 1.

D(JDX,2) is the deterioration, the increase in failing vehicles in the time since the most recent I/M test for Segment 2.

5. As in the No I/M case, the MOBILE model will actually look up values for integer ages and interpolate between them. This is illustrated in the "Sawtooth" worksheets of *M6EVP002.xls*.

### I/M with age exemptions

As is the case for exhaust I/M, emissions differ for I/M programs that exempt specific ages from testing. The exemptions may vary depending on the test conducted. For exemptions at the beginning of a vehicles life (grace periods), we set the age of last I/M inspection (AIM) to zero. In particular:

If  $JDX < GRPD + 1$ ,     $AIM1=0$ ,  $AIM2=0$   
If  $JDX = GRPD + 1$ ,     $AIM1=0$ ,  $AIM2=JDX-1$   
If  $JDX > GRPD + 1$ ,    AIM has normally computed value

Where  $GRPD$  = the highest age that is exempt from I/M. at the beginning of the vehicle life, for example, if a program begins testing vehicles at age 4,  $GRPD=3$ .

For age exemptions at the end of the vehicle life, we set the age of the last I/M inspection to the age computed for the last eligible model year. That is, for a user input "MaxAge:"

If  $AIM1 > MaxAge$ ,  $AIM1=MaxAge$   
If  $AIM2 > MaxAge$ ,  $AIM2=MaxAge$

### N-ennial Inspections

This section describes how MOBILE6 will compute evaporative test status weightings for vehicles subject to biennial, triennial, and other inspections scheduled at  $12*N$  month periods. The methodology is very similar to that described in Appendix D of M6.IM.001 for exhaust I/M programs. We expect MOBILE will calculate benefits only for annual and biennial programs, but this analysis would apply to greater values of N as well.

In N-ennial IM programs vehicles are inspected every N years on the anniversaries of the sale to their first owner. In this general case, all vehicles with model year index greater than  $GRPD+1$  should receive one inspection in the  $12*N$  month period preceding the date when the emissions are to be evaluated.

The principle that a unique value of AIM can be calculated for each model year segment holds true for arbitrary values of N and GPRD. Thus, to compute I/M weighting factors we can use the same equations as in step 4 of the annual case, where AIM1 and AIM2 denote the integer ages in years of vehicles on the date of their previous IM test that were purchased new in the first and second segments of the JDXth model year.

The N-ennial case differs from the annual case in the calculation of the age at the last IM inspection. For the N-ennial case, AIM1 and AIM2 are calculated as follows:

$$JDX \leq GPRD + 1: \quad AIM1 = 0$$

$$JDX > GPRD + 1: \quad AIM1 = JDX - 2 - \text{MOD}((JDX - 2 - GPRD), N)$$

$$JDX < GPRD + 1: \quad AIM2 = 0$$

$$JDX \geq GPRD + 1: \quad AIM2 = JDX - 1 - \text{MOD}((JDX - 1 - GPRD), N)$$

Where

- JDX = calendar Year- model year + 1
- GPRD = oldest year exempt from I/M at the beginning of the vehicle life
- N = frequency of regular inspections in years
- MOD(a,b) = the remainder of a divided by b

For illustration, we compute the following table of ages at most recent inspection for the first eight model years.

Table B-2

JDX	Annual		Biennial		Biennial	
	GPRD=0		GPRD=0		GPRD=1	
	AIM1	AIM2	AIM1	AIM2	AIM1	AIM2
1	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	0	1	0	1	0	0
3	1	2	1	1	0	2
4	2	3	1	3	2	2
5	3	4	3	3	2	4
6	4	5	3	5	4	4
7	5	6	5	5	4	6
8	6	7	5	7	6	6

To model a program where vehicles are tested biennially, with 50 percent tested at odd ages (the "1,3,5" case) and 50 percent tested at even ages (the "2,4,6" case), MOBILE6 will compute fail rates for both cases and average them together. This is the same approach used for exhaust emissions.

Program Start and End

An evaporative I/M program has a start and end year. We assume that there is no benefit for the program prior to the start year. At the end year, we assume that benefits trail off as new failures arise and are not repaired. As for exhaust I/M, we assume the benefits decline by a third each year for three years.

As for exhaust I/M, in the start up year itself, benefits are 0 for a January evaluation date since no cars have been evaluated at that time. For an annual program, July benefits in the start-up year are two-thirds what they would be in a normal year (since the Oct-Dec cars were not tested). For a biennial program with a mix of "1,3,5" and "2,4,6" testing, the start-up effect continues into the year after the start up year. Benefits in January of this second year are four-fifths the benefit of a normal year. Benefits in July of the second year are six-sevenths of those of a normal year.

Selective I/M with Periodic Testing

The method for modeling selective I/M in the absence of periodic testing is straightforward and is not described here.

In periodic IM programs all vehicles are tested every N years following an initial grace period, GPRD. In selective IM programs, vehicles are only tested if they meet certain criteria such as a recent change of ownership (COIM) or detection as an exhaust high emitter using a remote sensing device (RSD). Selective IM testing is often done in areas where a periodic program is also in operation. One important difference between selective and periodic programs is that a vehicle can be tested at any time during the year rather than just on the anniversary of its purchase. However, for modeling purposes it will be assumed that selective IM tests only affect vehicles of integer and half-integer ages.

The modeling of evaporative emissions with change of ownership and RSD is very similar to the modeling for exhaust emissions described in M6.IM.001, except, instead of estimating an I/M credit, we estimate a new weighting factor. For this reason, we must change the way that the benefits of the selective program are aggregated.

1. Let  $PSTL(JDX,AGE)$  and  $PSTE(JDX,AGE)$  denote the respective probabilities that a Segment 1 and Segment 2 vehicle with model year index JDX and age AGE (=0.5,1.0,1.5....) will have an IM test as a result of identification in the previous six months by either a COIM or RSD program. These quantities can be defined more precisely as

$$PSTL(JDX,AGE) = FSTL(JDX,AGE) * STR(JDX,AGE)$$

$$PSTE(JDX,AGE) = FSTE(JDX,AGE) * STR(JDX,AGE)$$

where FSTL and FSTE are the Segment 1 and Segment 2 fractions of all the JDX model year vehicles eligible by virtue of having reached the age AGE for a selective IM test and

$$STR(JDX,AGE) = RSD(JDX,AGE) + COIM(JDX,AGE)$$

is the normalized probability that an eligible vehicle will be selected for a test as a result of change of ownership or detection by a remote sensing device. For example, if

$$PSTE(JDX=3,AGE=1.5) = 0.01$$

then 1% of all the JDX=3 vehicles will be assigned a revised test status percent appropriate for IM tests at Age = 1.5 as a result of the fact they were all purchased new in the same Segment 2 of JDX=3 and received an extra I/M test at the same age of 1.5 years.

2. The calculation of STR, the normalized probability that an eligible vehicle will actually be

selected for a selective I/M test differs for remote sensing and change of ownership. It is discussed in detail below. For COIM, we use the same value as for exhaust. The value is independent of age. The default value is eight percent every 6 months. For RSD, users must enter the 6 month probability that an eligible vehicle will be brought in for an additional evaporative test. This may vary by age (JDX).

3. To calculate PSTL and PSTE, we must calculate FSTL and FSTE, the fractions of the model year that are eligible for a selective IM test in which 6 month age bin. Selective IM tests benefit vehicle emissions if they take place in the interval between the most recent periodic I/M inspection and the evaluation date. For Segment 2 vehicles:

If  $AIM + 0.5 \leq AGE \leq JDX - 1$  and  $AIM < JDX - 1$

$$FSTE(JDX, AGE) = FRC$$

If  $FRC > 0.5$  then a fraction

$$FSTE(JDX, AGE) = FRC - 0.5$$

of the JDX model year vehicles will also be eligible for one additional test at age JDX-0.5.

The arguments pertaining to the Segment 1 vehicles are similar.

For  $AIM + 0.5 \leq AGE \leq JDX - 2$  and  $AIM < JDX - 2$

$$FSTL(JDX, AGE) = FRN$$

Also, if  $FRN < 0.5$ , Segment 1 vehicles are also eligible for an additional test at age JDX-1.5

Otherwise if  $FRN > 0.5$  then only a fraction

$$FSTL(JDX, AGE) = 0.5$$

of the JDX model year vehicles will be eligible.

4. In a biennial, triennial or other testing program with testing frequency greater than one year, a vehicle has multiple opportunities for a selective I/M test in the interval between periodic tests. The probability  $CPSIME(JDX, AIM)$  that a vehicle purchased new in the FRC segment of the JDX model year receiving a selective IM test between its previous periodic IM test date at age AIM and the emissions evaluation date at the end of the FRC

segment of the JDX=1 model year is equal to the sum over PSTE(JDX,AGE) for all the values of AGE satisfying equations described for Segment 2, above. This is given by

$$CPSIME(JDX, AIM) = \sum_{M=1}^{M_E} [PSTE(JDX, AGE = AIM + 0.5 * M)]$$

where  $M_E=2*(JDX-AIM-0.5)$  is the maximum number of possible selective IM test dates.

The arguments for vehicles in the FRN model year segment are similar with all the possible values of the AGE variable described for Segment 1 above. This leads to the probability

$$CPSIML(JDX, AIM) = \sum_{M=1}^{M_L} [PSTL(JDX, AGE = AIM + 0.5 * M)]$$

with  $M_L=2*(JDX-AIM-1.5)$ .

It is a further requirement that vehicles cannot receive the benefits from more than one IM test. Consequently, the values of CPSIME and CPSIML cannot exceed FRC and FRN respectively.

The arguments in this section up to here have been quite formal. It is instructive to consider an example. Consider the case of a biennial IM program with selective IM testing and a grace period of zero years. Let us set JDX=4 and select a vehicle that was bought new in the FRN model year segment (that is, between the evaluation date and Sept. 30). Table B-2 indicates that this vehicle will have received its previous periodic IM test at age AIM=1 year. The probability that this vehicle will be tested as a result of the selective IM program is

$$CPSIML(JDX=4, AIM=1) = PSTL(JDX=4, AGE=1.5) + PSTL(JDX=4, AGE=2.0) + PSTL(JDX=4, AGE=2.5)$$

By contrast, the vehicles belonging to the FRC segment of the JDX=4 model year segment are all old enough to have received their second periodic IM test at age AIM=3. In this case

$$CPSIME(JDX=4, AIM=3) = PSTE(JDX=4, AGE=3.5)$$

where this expression contains only one term because a relatively short period elapses between the date when the vehicles receive their periodic IM test and the emissions

evaluation date.

5. Each PSTE(JDX,AGE) term in gives the probability that a vehicle bought new in the late segment of the JDX model year will receive a selective IM test at age AGE. For simplicity, we will assume that the selective IM tests bring those vehicles tested and repaired to the "IM" fail rate *at the evaluation date*. In effect, we remove the deterioration that would occur between periodic inspections for the fraction of the fleet that was subject to a selective I/M test.

$$IMWeighting(JDX = 0, FRC < 0.25) = NoIM [0.5 \times FRC]$$

$$IMWeighting(JDX = 1, FRC \geq 0.25) = \{(1 - CPSIME) \times NoIM [0.5 \times FRC]\} + [CPSIME \times NoIM (0)]$$

$$IMWeighting(JDX = 1, FRC < 0.25) = FRC \times [IM(AIM 2) + D(JDX, 2)] - [CPSIME \times D(JDX, 2)] \\ + FRN \times [(1 - CPSIML) \times NoIM(JDX - 1 - 0.5 \times FRN) + CPSIML \times NoIM(0)]$$

$$IMWeighting(JDX > 1) = FRC \times [IM(AIM 2) + D(AIM 2, FRC)] - [CPSIME \times D(JDX, 2)] \\ + FRN \times [IM(AIM 1) + D(AIM 1, FRN)] - [CPSIML \times D(JDX, 1)]$$



## **Appendix C**

### **Laboratory Data on Evaporative I/M Repairs**

As explained in Section 2.3, EPA proposes modeling the effect of an emission repair as a change of test-status, so the emission benefit of the repair is the difference in emissions between a vehicle in a failing test status group and a passing test status group as those emissions are defined in the other reports on evaporative emissions. In this appendix, we compare this modeling approach to recently collected empirical data.

EPA contracted with ATL to collect data on real time diurnal, running loss and hot soak evaporative emissions before and after the repair of problems found with fill-pipe and gas cap I/M tests. This repair effects data was collected under EPA Contract 68-C5-0006, Work Assignment 1-8. This is part of an ongoing program and additional data will be available in the coming year.

In the study, 26 failing vehicles were recruited from Arizona I/M test lanes; two vehicles did not return for retest after repair. Four vehicles with missing gas caps were tested only for running loss. Table C1 on the following page gives summary data for the difference in emissions before and after repair for the vehicles, with the difference listed both as an emission rate (g/test or g/mi) and as a percent reduction.

The test data indicate that, while repairs are almost always beneficial, there is substantial variation between vehicles. We examined the data in aggregate as well as grouped by the type of test that was failed, fuel delivery system and model year (see Table C.1).<sup>31</sup> ANOVA analysis ( $p < 0.05$ ) suggests that the data can be disaggregated by fuel delivery system (for running loss emissions), model year (for running loss emissions in g/mi and percent), and the type of I/M test that was failed (for running loss in g/mi and percent, and for hot soak in percent), but we did not see any trends in the data that made sense based on an engineering understanding of the evaporative systems.

In order to test the assumptions made in the MOBILE6 handling of evaporative I/M, we compared repair data for real-time diurnal emissions to the emission benefits that MOBILE6 will predict as described in M6.EVP.001. To match the test conditions, the MOBILE6 predictions were made for a 24 hour cycle from 72°F-96°F, at 9.0 RVP. The results are given in the following table (Table C.2). The results vary by fuel delivery system, model year and test type, and in a number of cases. On average, the MOBILE6 predictions are fairly close to the ATL data, although they consistently underestimate the repair effects. When the MOBILE6 work on running loss and hot soak emissions is further along, similar comparisons could be made for the effects of evaporative I/M on those emission modes.

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<sup>31</sup>A model-year split at 1985 was considered to account for the effect of cumulative improvements in evaporative emission control during the 1980s.

At this time, we do not intend to alter the MOBILE6 proposal to account for differences between our proposed benefits and the empirical data. This is for three reasons:

1. First, we have limited time, and don't believe the magnitude of the possible effect warrants the time and effort that would be needed to make a wholesale revision to the evaporative emissions modeling approach.
2. Second, the MOBILE6 proposed rates are based on tests of hundreds of vehicles (as described in M6.EVP.001 and the other reports on evaporative emissions) while the repair effects data, although more directly applicable, are a much smaller dataset.
3. Third, if we were to use the repair effect data, it is not clear how to best adjust repair effects for variation in RVP, ambient temperatures and differences between vehicle groups in a way that is consistent with the evaporative emissions proposed in the absence of I/M.

EPA welcomes comments on whether the proposed MOBILE6 evaporative IM benefits should be adjusted to account for differences between the current MOBILE6 proposal and the empirical data, and suggestions on how this could best be done.

Table C.1, Evaporative Emission Repair Data

Contract: 68-C5-0006 - Work Assignment 1-8  
 Evaporative Emission Repair Credits  
 Vehicle Listing

Veh. No.	Model Year	Fuel Sys.	Lane Press	Lane Cap	Delta RTD	%	Delta HotSoak	%	Delta (g/mi)	Rur %	
070	88	2V	Fail	Pass	vehicle not returned						
080	88	2V	Fail	Pass	0.08	0.01	1.29	0.81	0.88	0.95	
Average	All	CARB	Fail	Pass	0.08	0.01	1.29	0.81	0.88	0.95	
Std. Dev					na	na	na	na	na	na	
061	83	PFI	Fail	Pass	8.78	0.78	5.07	0.91	1.64	0.98	
065	85	PFI	Fail	Pass	3.89	0.61	6.03	0.95	1.70	0.98	
Average	85-	FI	Fail	Pass	6.33	0.69	5.55	0.93	1.67	0.98	
Std. Dev					3.45	0.12	0.68	0.03	0.04	0.00	
071	87	PFI	Fail	Pass	13.37	0.92	1.36	0.88	1.80	0.99	
077	87	PFI	Fail	Pass	14.69	0.92	1.95	0.88	1.50	0.97	
063	88	PFI	Fail	Pass	vehicle not returned						
060	89	PFI	Fail	Pass	19.11	0.77	7.29	0.97	1.80	0.98	
069	89	PFI	Fail	Pass	-0.23	-0.07	1.20	0.67	1.47	0.96	
068	95	PFI	Fail	Pass	23.47	0.91	1.15	0.78	2.90	0.99	
*	078	86	TBI	Fail	Pass	-9.52	-0.41	7.94	0.94	1.83	0.97
084	86	TBI	Fail	Pass	15.25	0.89	4.66	0.93	3.70	0.98	
066	91	TBI	Fail	Pass	1.31	0.20	0.29	0.48	0.33	0.86	
Average	86+	FI	Fail	Pass	9.68	0.52	3.23	0.82	1.92	0.96	
Std. Dev					11.25	0.53	3.00	0.17	1.01	0.04	
Average	All	FI	Fail	Pass	9.01	0.55	3.69	0.84	1.87	0.96	
Std. Dev					10.09	0.48	2.83	0.16	0.89	0.04	
Average	All	All	Fail	Pass	8.20	0.50	3.48	0.84	1.78	0.96	
Std. Dev					9.94	0.48	2.78	0.15	0.90	0.04	
073	83	2V	Pass	Fail	14.75	0.83	2.77	0.79	0.48	0.88	
075	86	2V	Pass	Fail	7.19	0.53	0.61	0.43	0.65	0.93	
076	86	2V	Pass	Fail	9.98	0.68	1.23	0.62	0.56	0.89	
081	87	2V	Pass	Missing	not tested		not tested		-0.01	0.00	
Average	All	CARB	Pass	Fail	10.64	0.68	1.54	0.61	0.42	0.67	
Std. Dev					3.82	0.15	1.11	0.18	0.30	0.45	
079	84	PFI	Pass	Fail	15.16	0.93	0.44	0.24	1.84	0.76	
064	85	PFI	Pass	Missing	not tested		not tested		2.38	0.99	
Average	85-	FI	Pass	Fail	15.16	0.93	0.44	0.24	2.11	0.88	
Std. Dev					na	na	na	na	0.38	0.16	
085	86	PFI	Pass	Fail	0.98	0.21	7.29	0.87	4.88	0.96	
062	88	PFI	Pass	Fail	14.00	0.93	8.15	0.98	4.05	0.99	
067	88	PFI	Pass	Missing	not tested		not tested		6.34	0.96	
072	90	PFI	Pass	Fail	0.14	0.05	0.03	0.08	0.08	0.43	
074	91	PFI	Pass	Fail	12.53	0.95	4.90	0.98	2.06	0.99	
082	92	PFI	Pass	Missing	not tested		not tested		4.44	1.00	
083	88	TBI	Pass	Damaged	11.68	0.83	3.20	0.52	9.06	0.99	
Average	86+	FI	Pass	Fail	8.12	0.61	2.71	0.53	4.39	0.87	
Std. Dev					6.73	0.43	3.27	0.39	2.89	0.21	
Average	All	FI	Pass	Fail	9.08	0.65	4.00	0.61	3.90	0.90	
Std. Dev					6.71	0.41	3.40	0.39	2.70	0.19	
Average	All	All	Pass	Fail	9.60	0.66	3.18	0.61	2.83	0.83	
Std. Dev					5.69	0.33	3.01	0.32	2.77	0.29	
Average	All	All	All	All	8.83	0.57	3.34	0.74	2.35	0.89	
Std. Dev					8.13	0.42	2.81	0.26	2.16	0.22	

\* This vehicle was repaired twice. Results here are for the difference in emissions between the first and second repair.

Table C.2, Comparison of MOBILE6 predictions and ATL data

24 hour Real Time Diurnal MOBILE6 predictions compared to ATL data											
Veh. No.	Model Year	Fuel Sys.	Lane Press	Lane Cap	Repair Data		M6 Predicted		ratio: ATL/M6		
					grams	percent	grams	percent	grams	percent	
070	88	2V	Fail	Pass	vehicle not returned						
080	88	2V	Fail	Pass	0.08	0.01	9.09	0.50	0.01	0.01	
Average	All	CARB	Fail	Pass	0.08	0.01	9.09	0.50	0.01	0.01	
Std. Dev					na	na	na	na	na	na	
061	83	PFI	Fail	Pass	8.78	0.78	15.18	0.68	0.58	1.13	
065	85	PFI	Fail	Pass	3.89	0.61	15.3	0.69	0.25	0.88	
Average	85-	FI	Fail	Pass	6.33	0.69	15.24	0.69	0.42	1.01	
Std. Dev					3.45	0.12	0.08	0.00	0.23	0.18	
071	87	PFI	Fail	Pass	13.37	0.92	4.58	0.49	2.92	1.88	
077	87	PFI	Fail	Pass	14.69	0.92	4.58	0.49	3.21	1.88	
063	88	PFI	Fail	Pass	vehicle not returned						
060	89	PFI	Fail	Pass	19.11	0.77	4.69	0.50	4.07	1.54	
069	89	PFI	Fail	Pass	-0.23	-0.07	4.69	0.50	-0.05	-0.15	
068	95	PFI	Fail	Pass	23.47	0.91	4.79	0.51	4.90	1.79	
*	078	86	TBI	Fail	Pass	-9.52	-0.41	4.5	0.48	-2.12	-0.85
084	86	TBI	Fail	Pass	15.25	0.89	4.5	0.48	3.39	1.86	
066	91	TBI	Fail	Pass	1.31	0.20	4.75	0.51	0.28	0.39	
Average	86+	FI	Fail	Pass	9.68	0.52	4.64	0.49	2.08	1.04	
Std. Dev					11.25	0.53	0.11	0.01	2.42	1.09	
Average	All	FI	Fail	Pass	9.01	0.55	6.76	0.53	1.74	1.04	
Std. Dev					10.09	0.48	4.47	0.08	2.25	0.96	
Average	All	All	Fail	Pass	8.20	0.50	6.97	0.53	1.59	0.94	
Std. Dev					9.94	0.48	4.30	0.08	2.20	0.96	
073	83	2V	Pass	Fail	14.75	0.83	8.16	0.45	1.81	1.87	
075	86	2V	Pass	Fail	7.19	0.53	8.9	0.49	0.81	1.08	
076	86	2V	Pass	Fail	9.98	0.68	8.9	0.49	1.12	1.37	
081	87	2V	Pass	Missing	not tested						
Average	All	CARB	Pass	Fail	10.64	0.68	8.65	0.48	1.25	1.44	
Std. Dev					3.82	0.15	0.43	0.03	0.51	0.40	
079	84	PFI	Pass	Fail	15.16	0.93	15.25	0.69	0.99	1.36	
064	85	PFI	Pass	Missing	not tested						
Average	85-	FI	Pass	Fail	15.16	0.93	15.25	0.69	0.99	1.36	
Std. Dev					na	na	na	na	na	na	
085	86	PFI	Pass	Fail	0.98	0.21	4.5	0.48	0.22	0.44	
062	88	PFI	Pass	Fail	14.00	0.93	4.64	0.49	3.02	1.89	
067	88	PFI	Pass	Missing	not tested						
072	90	PFI	Pass	Fail	0.14	0.05	4.72	0.50	0.03	0.11	
074	91	PFI	Pass	Fail	12.53	0.95	4.75	0.51	2.64	1.89	
082	92	PFI	Pass	Missing	not tested						
083	88	TBI	Pass	Damaged	11.68	0.83	4.64	0.49	2.52	1.68	
Average	86+	FI	Pass	Fail	8.12	0.61	4.70	0.50	1.73	1.23	
Std. Dev					6.73	0.43	0.10	0.01	1.44	0.86	
Average	All	FI	Pass	Fail	9.08	0.65	6.42	0.53	1.57	1.23	
Std. Dev					6.71	0.41	4.33	0.08	1.32	0.77	
Average	All	All	Pass	Fail	9.60	0.66	7.16	0.51	1.46	1.30	
Std. Dev					5.69	0.33	3.61	0.07	1.08	0.65	
Average	All	All	All	All	8.83	0.57	7.06	0.52	1.53	1.10	
Std. Dev					8.13	0.42	3.90	0.07	1.74	0.84	

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